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STOP IT! I DON'T WANT TO REMEMBER!
THERE'S NO WAY I WON'T BE THREATENED BECAUSE SACRIFICIAL
WHAT THEY WANTED WASN'T REVIVAL BUT A COMPLETE RESURRECTION
OF THEIR RAPED AND MURDERED DAUGHTER
I JUST ASKED
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO... I DON'T KNOW!
I NEED TO OFFER THIS WHAT...
WHY SHOULD I GO TO HELL TOO

Nema

THE MYSTERIOUS AND BEAUTIFUL YOUNG GIRL WHO REPEATEDLY APPEARS BEFORE REN AND RAI. SHE IS THOUGHT TO BE THE DIABOLO WHO GUIDED REN AND RAI TO THE RITUAL, BUT THERE ARE OTHER THEORIES.

Mio

REN'S COUSIN WHO WAS FREED FROM THE VIOLENCE OF HER PARENTS. SHE DISAPPEARED BECAUSE OF REN AND RAI'S RITUAL JUST BEFORE SHE WAS TO ENTER AN ORPHANAGE

Hiromi

A YOUNG LADY WHO HAD FALLEN TO THE DEVIL'S SNARE WHILE SEEKING BEAUTY. SHE NOW HELPS GATHER INFORMATION FOR REN AND RAI AFTER THEY SAVED HER

The Story Thus Far...

THEY SAY THAT THOSE WHO FALL PREY TO THE "DEVIL'S SNARE" ARE GRANTED THE POWER OF THE DIABOLO AT AGE 17 THEY LOSE THEIR SOULS AS THE POWER PEAKS, AND AT 18 (THE TOTAL OF THE NUMBERS 6-6-6) THEY GO INSANE

10 YEARS AGO, TWO YOUNG BOYS, REN AND RAI, TOOK PART IN A STRANGE RITUAL IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE REN'S BELOVED COUSIN, MIO. AS A RESULT, MIO WAS LOST, AND THE BOY'S WERE CAUGHT IN THE DEVIL'S SNARE. NOW, ALTHOUGH THEY STILL RETAIN THEIR OWN SOULS, REN AND RAI ALSO POSSESS POWERFUL OCCULT ABILITIES. USING THESE POWERS, THE TWO CURSED BOYS CONTINUE THEIR QUEST TO FIND AND SAVE MIO, ALL THE WHILE AIDING THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN INTO THE EVIL CLUTCHES OF THE DIABOLO. EVEN IF THIS MEANS KILLING THEM. IN ADDITION, REN AND RAI HAVE PLEDGED TO KILL EACH OTHER ON THEIR 18TH BIRTHDAY.

A YOUNG GIRL NAMED HIROMI, WHO HAVING BEEN RESCUED BY REN AND RAI, HAS NOW VOWED TO ASSIST THEM IN THEIR WAR AGAINST DIABOLO. BUT MIO IS STILL MISSING, AND THE DIABOLO'S INFLUENCE IS QUICKLY SPREADING AMONG THE WORLD'S YOUTH AS THE MASTER DIABOLO IS MAKING KNOWN THE PRESENCE OF SIX GREAT SPIRITS.

THE CHARACTERS...

Rai:

AN UNFORTUNATE YOUNG MAN WHO GREW UP IN AN ORPHANAGE, HAVING NEVER KNOWN HIS PARENTS. RAI IS A KIND SOUL WHO HARBORS A GREAT DESIRE TO BECOME STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEND A YOUNG GIRL NAMED MIO. RAI HAS ACQUIRED THE POWER OF A SHIELD OF DEFENSE

Ren:

IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT HIS COUSIN, MIO, REN ACQUIRED THE POWER OF A SWORD OF OFFENSE. AS A CONSEQUENCE HE LOST MIO AND HE AND RAI WERE MISTAKEN FOR MURDERERS. REN LOST HIS MOTHER TO THE DIABOLO BECAUSE OF THIS

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OH, MY SIX GREAT SPIRITS... WHAT IS IT THAT YOU NEED?

EASY MASTER. RIGHT NOW THERE'S JUST FIVE OF US.
WE'RE STILL SHORT ONE, YOU KNOW.
DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR OUR COMRADE INSTEAD OF TOYING WITH THOSE TWO?

...BUT I WANT TO GIVE THEM MORE TIME.
BESIDES, THEY'RE KIND OF CUTE.
MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST KILL THEM WE'RE WASTING TIME.
THEY'RE A HANDFUL, IT'S TRUE...
IF YOU SAY SO...
...NEMA-SAMA.

THEN IT WOULD BE WISE FOR YOU TO ENJOY THIS FLEETING SILENCE...
...UNTIL I HAND YOU YOUR ORDERS FOR OUR MILLENNIUM THAT IS TO COME.
NOTHING MORE TO ADD?
WE'RE ALL THE SAME AREN'T WE? 17 YEAR-OLDS WHO WERE AWAKENED BY THE MASTER--
I MEAN... WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT HER? IT'S NOT LIKE SHE HAS THE POWERS OF THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS.
WHO DOES NEMA THINK SHE IS?
SHUT UP!

NO. LADY NEMA IS DIFFERENT FROM US.
SHE MAY LOOK SEVENTEEN, BUT I WONDER...
RUMOR IS SHE SACRIFICED HER OWN DAUGHTER FOR YOUTH AND POWER.
THAT'S... JUST LIKE THE MASTER, ISN'T IT?
YES, SHE'S...
...THE WOMAN WHO WAS THE MASTER'S WIFE.

WHO IS IT, REN? DID YOU GET NEW INFORMATION FROM HIROMI?
UH, NO...
HMM? AN E-MAIL?
E-MAIL FRIENDS WANTED
INTERESTED? COME TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS...
AN INVITATION FROM A MEETING SITE, EH?
THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT WE ARE.
BUT HOW DID THEY KNOW ABOUT THIS ADDRESS?

SAVE ME FROM THE DEVIL!

.....
HAND IT OVER
WAIT! I CAN'T SEEM TO ANSWER THIS.
WHICH BUTTON? SO MANY!
WE'LL GO SAVE YOU. WHERE ARE YOU?
AND YOU'RE JUST AWKWARD.
YOU'RE AMAZING, RAI!

..THEY'RE NOT WHAT THEY SEEM EITHER
WHAT'S WITH THIS NEW RING TONE?
IT'S AN ORIGINAL THAT I WROTE.
IT'S FOR WHEN SOMETHING'S SENT FROM AN UNKNOWN NUMBER
BE MY FRIEND PLEASE HEAR MY VOICE
INVITING SOMEONE THEY'VE NEVER MET.
PERHAPS...
SAVE ME.

D'YOU HEAR THAT?! THEY'RE CLOSE!
YEAH, I HEARD IT!
YOU SCARED ME! YOU MADE IT RING WHEN I WAS TRYING TO USE MY CALLER ID!
A KID?!
GUESS IT WAS A PRANK, HUH?

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO? IT COULD BE A PRANK
WE'VE GOT A REPLY.
SEEMS THEY'VE ACCEPTED OUR OFFER.
TRUE. IT COULD BE A PERVERTED OLD MAN...A TRANSVESTITE... WHO KNOWS?
BUT WHAT IF THEY REALLY DO NEED TO BE SAVED...?
LEND ME THE PHONE. I'LL TRY CALLING THAT NUMBER.
GOOD IDEA.
SO... WHERE ARE THEY? IF YOU ASK ME..
WE WERE TRICKED

AND YOUR NAME IS?
WELL, I'VE SUFFERED A LOT, SO.
YOU'RE GOOD AT DEALING WITH LIFE'S CURVEBALLS, AREN'T YOU?
うとり
YOU'RE QUITE A GENTLEMAN!
IT'S MIO HASHIGUCHI.
MIO.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
WHAT A COINCIDENCE. THAT'S THE NAME OF SOMEONE WE KNOW, TOO
MIO?!
NOW, SHALL WE GO?

SO...
じろ じろ
HMM...
OH DEAR! WHAT WERE YOU HOPING FOR, YOU PERVERT?
LOOK, WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY KIDS' GAMES.
DON'T REN! SHE'S JUST A KID!
むかっ
YOU'VE PASSED! I'LL MAKE BOTH OF YOU MY BOYFRIEND!
I'M SORRY, LITTLE GIRL.
OF COURSE WE CAME BECAUSE WE WANTED TO BECOME FRIENDS WITH YOU.
OH DEAR... ♡
BUT IT'S GETTING LATE. IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU, WE'D LIKE TO SEE YOU HOME.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! I TOLD YOU TO STAY HOME AND WATCH THE HOUSE, DIDN'T I?!
ANOTHER BOYFRIEND, EH?
ひぇっ
MIO-CHAN?
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MY SISTER?!
NOTHING! WE RECEIVED AN E-MAIL FROM HER AND--
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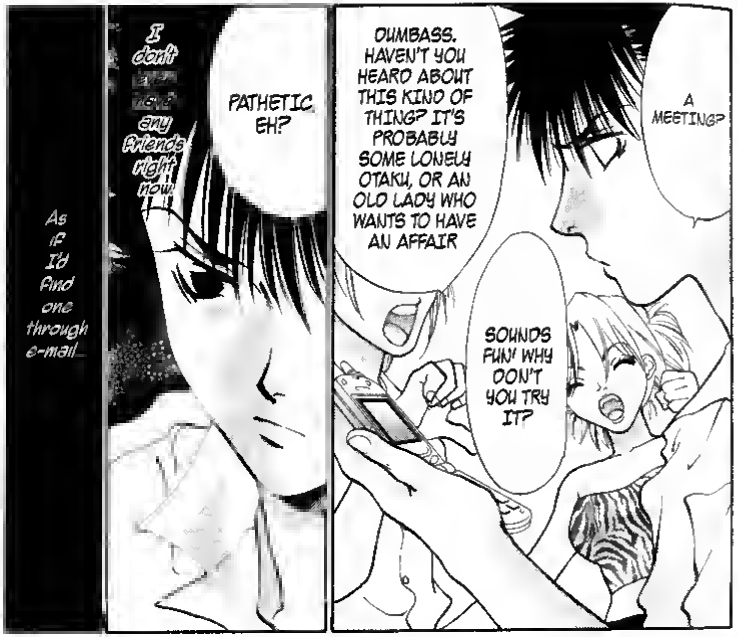
E-MAIL? YOU'RE USING MY CELL WITHOUT MY PERMISSION AGAIN?!
I- I'M SORRY, I...!
YOU LITTLE --!

SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE.
THE AGE WHERE THE ENSNARED BEND TO TEMPTATION, AND SLOWLY FALL FROM HUMAN TO DEVIL.
THE TIME WHEN THEY BREAK FROM HUMANITY...
HUMPH!

.....!
YOU SHOULD TREAT GIRLS WITH A BIT MORE RESPECT.
HEY... YOU.
ARE YOU SEVENTEEN, RIGHT NOW?
UH!
WE'RE GOING, MIO!


As if I'd find one through e-mail...
I don't have any friends right now!
PATHETIC, EH?
DUMBASS. HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ABOUT THIS KIND OF THING? IT'S PROBABLY SOME LONELY OTAKU, OR AN OLD LADY WHO WANTS TO HAVE AN AFFAIR
A MEETING?
SOUNDS FUN! WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT?

HE'S TUTORING, ISN'T HE? LEAVE HIM ALONE IF WE BOTHER HIM, THE TEACHERS'LL GIVE US SERIOUS TROUBLE
OH, THAT NERD.
ISN'T THAT HASHIGUCHI FROM SCHOOL? AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT...
HMM?
YOU DON'T SAY.

HEY! HURRY UP AND SHOW ME THE MONEY!

YEAH THAT'S RIGHT YOU SHOULD'VE HANDED IT OVER IN THE FIRST PLACE
PATHETIC, EH?
HE--
HERE!

E-MAIL FRIENDS WANTED INTERESTED? COME TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS
WELL THEN, IT'S PROBABLY E-MAIL.
HMM?
WHAT'S THIS?
I HAVEN'T GIVEN ANYONE MY NUMBER YET

...this is atonement for my sins.
As long as I study...
As long as my grades are good.
Stupid parents think everything's all right just because they gave me a cell phone.
HUMPH I'VE NEVER USED MY CELL! NOT EVEN ONCE.
THAT GIRL.. I WONDER IF SHE'S ALL RIGHT.
As long as I do this, I'll be forgiven.
...no matter what I do.

YOU!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU NOT TO TAKE A WALK OUTSIDE WITHOUT PERMISSION?
AND DON'T USE MY CELL AGAIN!

NOW DON'T BOTHER ME WHILE I'M STUDYING!
I'M HER FAVORITE! SHE LIKES ME MORE!
IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD TO TELL MOM!

/!"/A!/

YOU'RE SO SWEET, AREN'T YOU? YOU STILL WORRYING ABOUT THAT MIO?
WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING YOUR OWN DESTINY.

SHE'S ABOUT THE SAME AGE AS OUR MIO, TOO.
BUT SHE DOESN'T LOOK ANYTHING LIKE HER!
Thought you'd say that.
OUR MIO IS KIND, EPHEMERAL.
Another owie?
The poor girl took abuse from her parents.
Are you all right, Mio?
A little girl who always smiled when she was about to cry.
Mio's okay because the two of you are with her.
IS THAT GIRL SUFFERING THE SAME FATE?

...would I really be able to kill you with these hands?
If you were to fall to the devil first...
YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME?
IT'D BE A BIG DEAL IF BIG BROTHER FOUND ME.
I GOT OUT QUIETLY.
YOU'RE AMAZING! I DIDN'T EVEN FEEL YOUR PRESENCE.
WHOA!
YOUR BROTHER...
YOU WERE ACTING STRANGE, SO..
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO YOU, DID HE?
DON'T THEY CALL PEOPLE LIKE YOU STALKERS?
HEY, WAIT. DID YOU FEEL THAT?
YEAH. I SENSED AN EVIL BREATH, TOO.
...like the tongue of a poisonous snake looming over you.
RAI? ARE YOU OKAY?
Will I be able to remain human?
Will I be able to defend you until the end?
Sometimes I'm uncertain.
.....

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ANYONE HAS ANSWERED MY E-MAIL.
IM HAPPY THAT MY MESSAGE REACHED SOMEONE.
..THANK YOU FOR LISTENING
WELL, SHE'S CERTAINLY OPTIMISTIC.
YEAH...
I'LL DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP MY BROTHER. SEE YA. THANK YOU!

THANK YOU .. BUT IT'S MY BROTHER THAT I WANT YOU TO SAVE FROM THE DEVIL.
SO, YOU AREN'T HURT OR ANYTHING? YOU CAN TELL US
.....
DON'T TOUCH ME, PERVERT!
HE WAS SO NICE BEFORE.
BUT HE'S CHANGED.
ALL HE DOES IS STUDY AND GET ANGRY... AND IT'S SCARY.
..AND BESIDES, SHE REALLY TRUSTS BIG BROTHER.
I CAN'T TELL ANYONE EVEN MY MOM WON'T BELIEVE ME PLUS, SHE'S BUSY WITH WORK ..
BUT...
WHY DON'T YOU TALK ABOUT IT WITH YOUR MOTHER—
..INSTEAD OF E-MAILING STRANGE PEOPLE?
Hey! I'm not strange!

MAYBE WE COULD LEARN A THING OR TWO FROM HER, HUH?
WE'RE HER FRIENDS, YOU KNOW, AND.
...WE DISCUSSED A LOT OF THINGS WITH HER
DAMMIT!
MIO! WHAT KIND OF LIES DID SHE TELL YOU?
HEY! HOLD ON!
DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?
IT'S ABOUT YOUR SISTER.
NOW WHAT IS IT?
WHY CAN'T YOU TWO MIND YOUR OWN DAMN BUSINESS?

WHAT'S MR "HEAD OF THE CLASS" DOING IN SUCH A HURRY?
GET OUT OF MY WAY!
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO MESS WITH SCUM LIKE YOU!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST DROP DEAD?!
HEY! WHAT'S YER PROBLEM?!

WHAT DID YOU SAY?
YOU THINK YOU'RE SOMETHING SPECIAL?!
SO WHAT ABOUT GRADES?! WHAT ABOUT COLLEGE?! WHO DECIDED PEOPLE LIKE YOU ARE SO GREAT?!
!
HOLD ON, REN. LET IT GO.

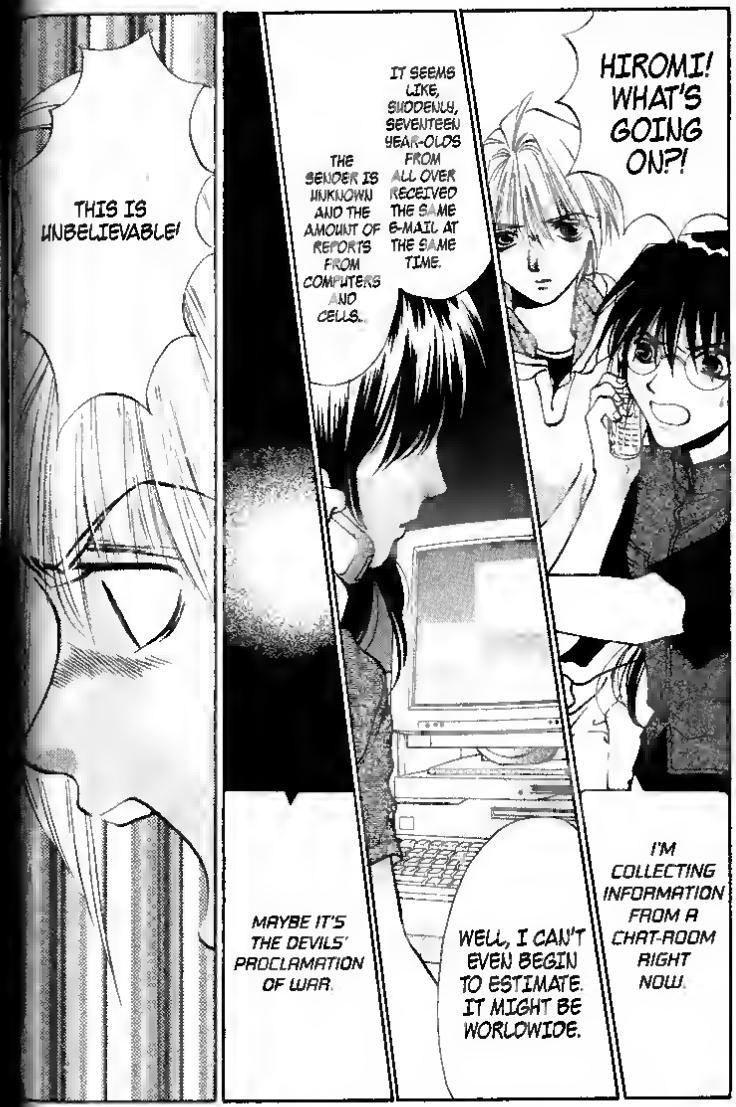
I'LL KILL HER!
Getting followed by a couple of weird guys..!
Why do these things always happen to me..?
UGH... COUGH!
Mio's friends? She e-mailed them on the cell?
...STUPID LITTLE SISTER!
IT'S ALL MIO'S FAULT!
FROM WHO...?
HUH?
E-MAIL?

THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO UNDERSTAND SOMEONE ELSE'S PAIN.
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T LEARN ON THEIR OWN, YOU KNOW.
JUST WHAT I WANT!
STOP IT ALREADY IF WE GET EXPELLED--!
LET'S GO!
WITH DIABOLO... THEY FALL THE EASIEST OF ALL.
PEOPLE WHO CAN'T SYMPATHIZE WITH OTHER PEOPLE
PEOPLE WHO ONLY CARE ABOUT SATISFYING THEIR OWN DESIRES.

RAI--
LOOK AT THIS!
WHAT? I DIDN'T GET ONE!
SPAM?
WHAT'S WITH THIS E-MAIL?
WHAT IS THIS...?
WHAT A PAIN.
THE SAME LETTER?

YOU SAY THAT AFTER YOU BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF HIM?
PATHETIC, EH?
YEAH. ME, TOO.
E-MAIL?
HMM?
ME TOO... BUT I TURNED THE POWER OFF

MY NAME IS ANGEL.
I'LL SAVE YOU.
NOW...
...COME THIS WAY.


THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE!
HIROMI! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
IT SEEMS LIKE, SUDDENLY, SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLDS FROM ALL OVER RECEIVED THE SAME E-MAIL AT THE SAME TIME.
THE SENDER IS UNKNOWN AND THE AMOUNT OF REPORTS FROM COMPUTERS AND CELLS...
I'M COLLECTING INFORMATION FROM A CHAT-ROOM RIGHT NOW.
WELL, I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO ESTIMATE. IT MIGHT BE WORLDWIDE.
MAYBE IT'S THE DEVILS' PROCLAMATION OF WAR.

OMEN II
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Please...
Pant
Pant
Pant
HEY, LOOK AT THAT KID...
...HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN E-MAILING NON-STOP.
I SAW HIM YESTERDAY, TOO.
I CAN'T BELIEVE HIS BATTERY ISN'T DEAD BY NOW. HE LOOKS LIKE A FREAK!
IT'S STUPID. IT'S A KID'S PRANK.
DELETE!
I REPLIED, BUT NOTHING HAPPENED. BOOORING.
I'm still sixteen.
SOUNDS EXCITING.

Please, somebody..
Help.
AND IN REGARD TO THE MYSTERIOUS MASS E-MAIL THAT WAS SENT OUT TODAY
AUTHORITIES FIND IT PUZZLING THAT THOSE WHO RECEIVED IT WERE ALL SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLD USERS
WE HAVE RECEIVED WORD THAT IT WAS NOT ONLY SENT TO THE TEENS WITHIN JAPAN BUT ALSO OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY
THERE ARE SUSPICIONS THAT THIS IS A NEW TYPE OF COMPUTER VIRUS AND IT IS CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION AUTHORITIES CAUTION USERS NOT TO REPLY..

I'M HERE, AREN'T I?
WE'LL FIGHT DESTINY AND TRY AS HARD AS WE CAN TO DEFEAT THEM.
RAI...
EVEN MIO IS HERE, SOME-WHERE
HIROMI, TOO..
MIO... EH?
they're trying to make us surrender
The diabolos...
They're playing a dangerous hand
...they're showing us their overwhelming power.

RAI, WHAT'S GOING ON?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEM.
Save me...
I'm too special...
...please take me away from this world of scum.
WE KNOW IT'S A TRAP AND WE CAN'T SAVE ALL THE VICTIMS OF THE DIABOLOS!
I CAN'T EVEN SEND E-MAIL!
I FEEL SO HELPLESS... WHAT CAN I DO?

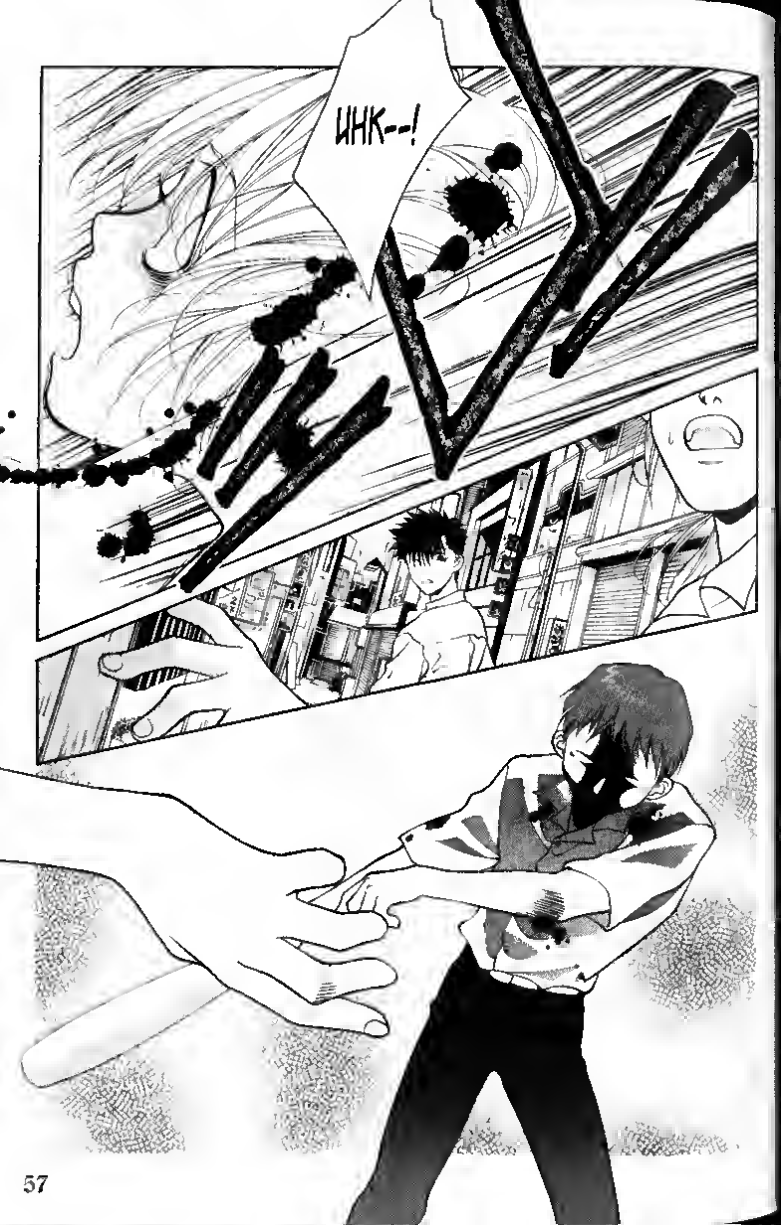
KEMA
NOW, I SHALL FREE YOU...
Menu

AND THAT OTHER MIO IS TRYING HER BEST ALL BY HERSELF TOO, HUH?
HA HA.
Please save..
my big brother
HAHAHA!
A REPLY... I GOT A REPLY!
TO JUST ME! I WAS CHOSEN! TAKE THAT!
I CAN DO ANYTHING, AFTER ALL!
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
REALLY CREEPY
I'LL BE FORGIVEN NO MATTER WHAT I DO!

HERE! TAKE IT.
GO GET YOURSELF SOMETHING TO EAT.
HUMPH! PATHETIC, EH?
UH.
REN!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? TAKING MONEY FROM A STRANGER?
DON'T JUMP TO ANY CONCLUSIONS! I GAVE IT TO HIM BECAUSE HE'S HUNGRY.
Tsk, tsk
WAIT A MINUTE.

YOU, OVER THERE! MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!
HEY! COUGH IT UP!
EEEEE!
SO YOU'RE THAT DESPERATE, HUH?
HOMELESS? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
Just when I thought he was my type.
I DON'T HAVE A HOME, EITHER
THEN GO HOME AND GET IT!
I DON'T HAVE ANY
YOU, TOO! SHOW ME THE MONEY, EH?!

He... smells like me.
I sense a yearning, like he's looking for something from the bottom of his heart.
RAI.
THIS...IT'S NOT YOUR WALLET, NOW IS IT?
BUT THAT'S... THE MONEY THAT YOU EARNED YOURSELF AFTER YOU LEFT THE ORPHANAGE, RIGHT, RAI?
SORRY TO MAKE YOU WORRY
IT'S MONEY THAT I MADE SO WE COULD COMPLETE OUR MISSION
I HAVE A LITTLE SAVED
NO...YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MONEY
Ren...
I...
SEE YA! EAT UP, HOMELESS BOYS!
...IM JUST GOING TO LAUGH AND PLAY!
UNTIL A BETTER LIFE COMES ALONG SOMEDAY...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. THIS IS JUST A GAME, YOU KNOW.
Like some comedy duo.
Homeless boys?



Everyone else was afraid and only looked on from a distance...

as long as you are by my side, that's okay

URGH...
HUMPH! SO THE NERD'S SNAPPED, EH?
I WAS ESPECIALLY CHOSEN!
DON'T GO THINKIN' YOU'RE SOMETHIN' JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT A BAT TO SWING!
THE POWER IS.. OVERFLOWING.
I WAS GIVEN POWER... FROM AN ANGEL!
HEY! GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!
HASHIGUCHI..? YOU'RE STILL HOLDING A GRUDGE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME..
I CAN DO ANYTHING... BECAUSE I'M SPECIAL.
SHE RELEASED ME FROM THE CONSTRAINTS OF THIS WORTHLESS WORLD.

MEAT-SACK...?
HEH HEH HEH...
I COULD BEAT YOU WITH ONE HAND BEHIND MY BACK...
...YOU WORTHLESS HUMAN MEAT-SACK
His strength and speed... it's inhuman!
How in the world...?
YOU'RE REALLY ASKING FOR IT, FREAK. NOW BRING IT!

'CAUSE I'M A MUCH MORE EXPERIENCED STREET-FIGHTER!
WHAT THE...?
...!

HEH.
HEH.
SO MIO TOLD YOU SOMETHING, EH?
PERFECT TIMING...
I'LL KILL YOU LOSERS, TOO.
I'LL KILL ANYONE WHO GETS IN THE WAY OF MY STUDIES!!!
AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, I'LL TAKE CARE OF MIO!
HEH.

URGH!

REGARDLESS OF THAT FAVOR EARLIER...
...YOU SHOULD RUN WHILE YOU HAVE THE CHANCE.

URGH...
UH...
YOU...
...YOU...
SORRY, MIO-CHAN...
...I WISH THERE WAS ANOTHER WAY.
YOU-YOU'RE LOSERS...
HOW DARE YOU! YOU'RE JUST TRASH
O' LORD, PLEASE GUIDE THIS PITEOUS SOUL...
.. AND GRANT ALL THOSE WHO FEAR THY NAME THEIR RETRIBUTION, THE TIME HAS COME TO DESTROY THOSE WHO WOULD DESTROY THE EARTH.
ASHES TO ASHES.
DUST TO DUST.

MIO-CHAN, HE'S NOT YOUR BROTHER ANY--
DON'T KILL BIG BROTHER! PLEASE, FORGIVE HIM!
NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF HORRIBLE THINGS HE DOES, HE'S STILL MIO'S BROTHER!
.....
FOR MIO THEN...
...I OFFER A CHOICE. CAN YOU CHOOSE A LIFE WHICH ATONES FOR YOUR SINS?

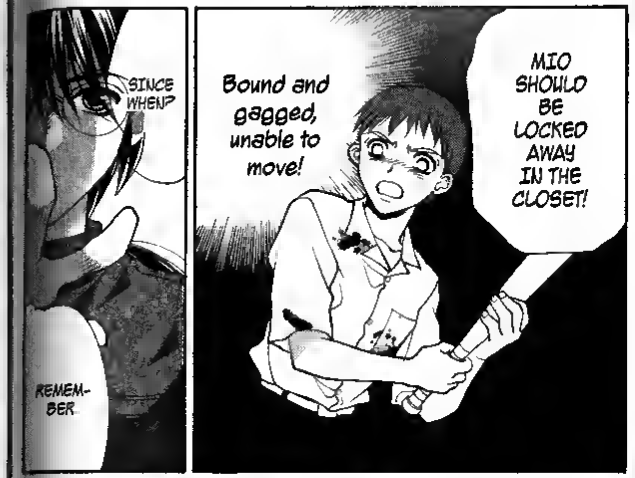
EVIL TO DARKNESS.
AME--
STOP!!
MIO-CHA--!

...I'LL TAKE YOU WITH ME, MIO!
MIO!!
I DON'T WANT ANYTHING LIKE THAT..!
I'D NEVER...!
People will point fingers at me behind my back for the rest of my life!
Juvenile hell? Worse yet, jail?

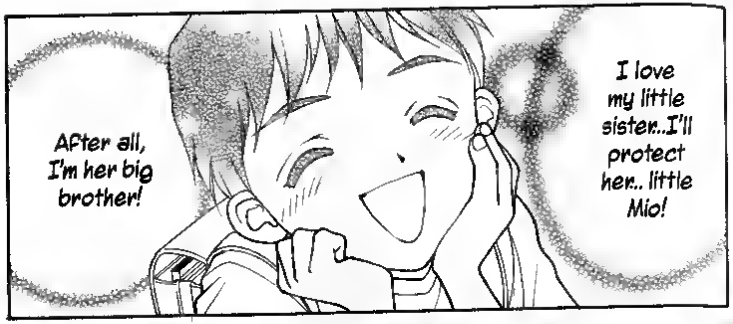
ARE YOU GOING TO KILL MIO AGAIN, BIG BROTHER?
Again?!

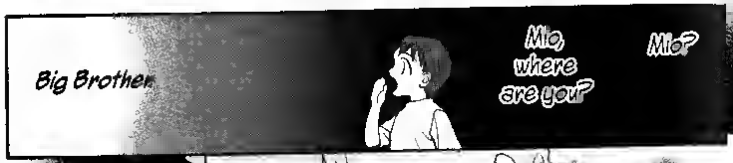
MIO! THIS IS YOUR BROTHER'S PHONE ISN'T IT? DON'T PLAY WITH IT!
IT'S HECTIC AND WE'RE BUSY OVER HERE! WE CAN'T COME HOME FOR A WHILE SO LISTEN TO YOUR BIG BROTHER, UNDERSTOOD?
SAM
Beep
S...
It doesn't matter who...
Somebody...
...hear my voice...
Beep
Beep
Beep
SA...
...VE...

DON'T FAKE YOUR COUGH!
STAY HERE AND REPENT!
FINALLY, YOU'RE QUIET, EH?.
YOU ALWAYS FUSS AND GET IN THE WAY OF MY STUDIES! YOU'RE THE BAD ONE! YOU'RE THE BAD ONE!
Cough
MIO?
M...
...MOM...
Hello
Hello...
YES?
HELLO?



Save my big brother. He's going crazy...


I love my little sister..I'll protect her.. little Mio!
After all, I'm her big brother!


Big Brother
Mio, where are you?
Mio?

SORRY, MIO-CHAN...
Come here...
Mio's here.
Let's go together

See?

Wow, she's cute!
...Mio.
It's your little sister..

JUST LIKE THOSE STUPID PRANK E-MAILS I DELETE IMMEDIATELY
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME, YOU KNOW
BECAUSE I'M NOT INTERESTED

SEE YA.
YOU'RE AN INTERESTING ONE...

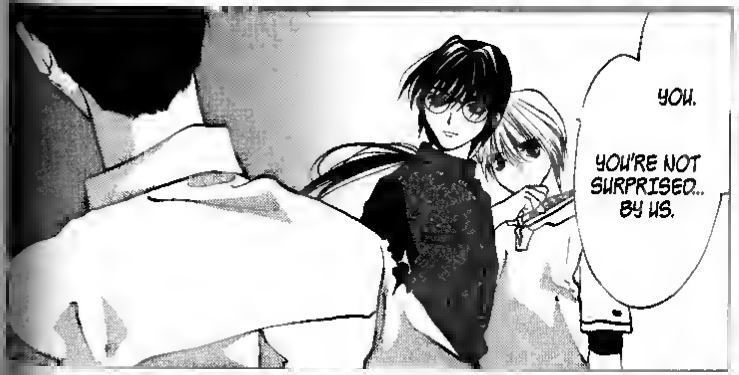
MAYBE WE'LL MEET AGAIN.
HA HA HA...

What are these guys...?
PATHETIC, EH?

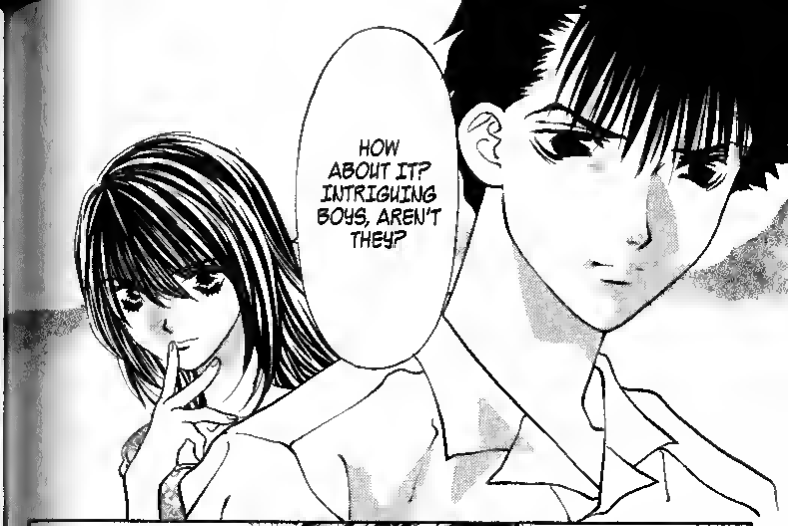
RAI, DID YOU NOTICE? FROM THE START..
..THE GIRL WAS DEAD?
The little girl we interacted with was residual emotion that remained in the cell phone.

Those that desperately protect each other

...and support each other
...are kind to each other


YOU.
YOU'RE NOT SURPRISED... BY US.

I'm sure I'll meet them again...
... someday.
HUMPH!
PATHETIC, EH?
Is this jealousy?


HOW ABOUT IT? INTRIGUING BOYS, AREN'T THEY?

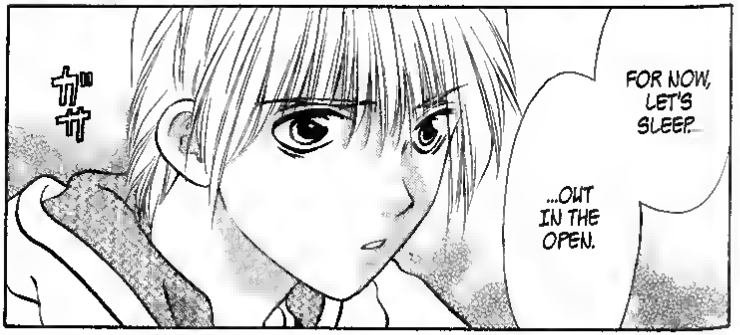
I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT ONE OF THEM IS...
IT'S JUST THE BEGINNING.
NEMA-SAMA_THINGS LIKE THAT SPAM E-MAILING, AND HAVING ME MEET THEM...NOT LOOKING FOR THE 6TH ONE. IS THIS SOME KIND OF GAME TO YOU?

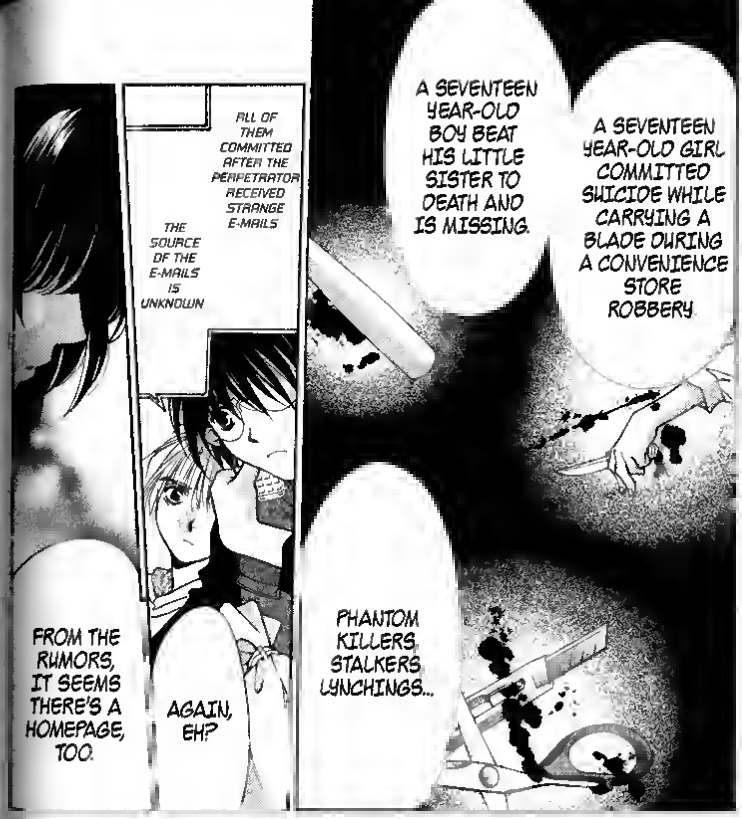
Their bond..
I thought it was just a pathetic, facade of a friendship...
...ONE OF THE 6 GREAT SPIRITS.
I WANT YOU TO KNOW THE POWER OF THOSE TWO.

Diabolo

SUSPICION

SO WE'RE BACK AT SQUARE ONE
THANK YOU, HIROMI.
IF SOMETHING COMES UP AGAIN.
...CALL US
IT'S NAMED "HEAVEN."
AN EDEN THAT OPENS ONLY TO THE CHOSEN... IT'S ALREADY BECOMING AN URBAN LEGEND.


FOR NOW, LET'S SLEEP.
...OUT IN THE OPEN.


A SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLD BOY BEAT HIS LITTLE SISTER TO DEATH AND IS MISSING.
A SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLD GIRL COMMITTED SUICIDE WHILE CARRYING A BLADE DURING A CONVENIENCE STORE ROBBERY.
PHANTOM KILLERS. STALKERS. LYNCHINGS...
ALL OF THEM COMMITTED AFTER THE PERPETRATOR RECEIVED STRANGE E-MAILS
THE SOURCE OF THE E-MAILS IS UNKNOWN
AGAIN, EH?
FROM THE RUMORS, IT SEEMS THERE'S A HOMEPAGE, TOO.

HEY... THET'S MAH BEO.
GIT OUTTA THE WAY.
...YOU AIN'T ONE OF US. NOW GIT.
YOU TOO, AIN'T YA?
BUT YOU DONE GOTS ONE O' THEM CELL PHONES, SO THAT MEANS...
...TO BE HOMELESS, EH?
YOU'RE SO YOUNG...
ISH!
HUMPH! AWFULLY ARROGANT FOR A STREET KID!
IT'S EVERYONE'S PARK, YOU KNOW?! THE THREE OF US CAN SHARE IT.
WELL, THAT'D BE A LITTLE...
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COUGH!
GOT A COLD, RAI?
NO, I'M ALL RIGHT.
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE A COLD, EH? YOU COULD GET SICK AND DIE
HA HA.
IF I'M GOING TO DIE ANYWAY, I WANT YOU TO KILL ME.
BUT, I HATE PAIN.
HOW DO YOU WANT TO DIE?
WHILE I'M SLEEPING.. ON A SNOW COVERED MOUNTAIN..
WITH YOU HOLDING ME.
HEY! THEN I'D DIE, TOO, WOULDN'T I?

RAI.
Will that day ever come?
MMM...
ARE YOU FEELING BETTER? HERE, MEDICINE.
IS THERE SOMETHING I CAN DO?
I'M ALL RIGHT JUST NEED MORE SLEEP
IS YOUR HEADACHE THAT BAD?
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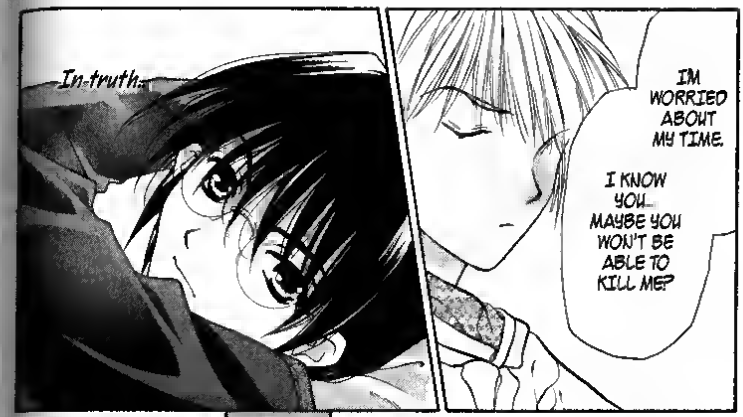
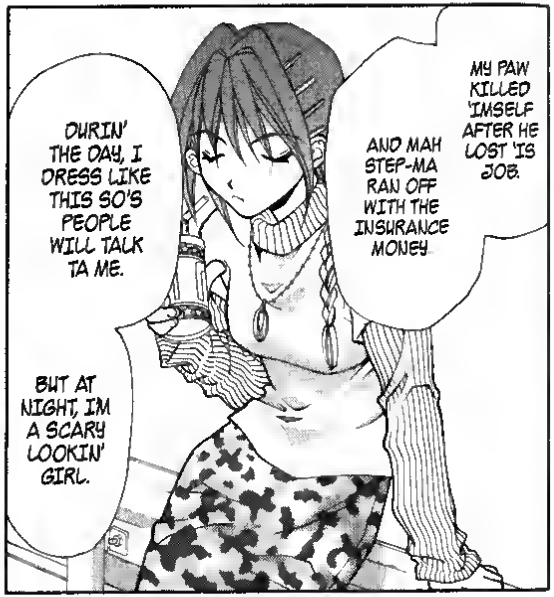
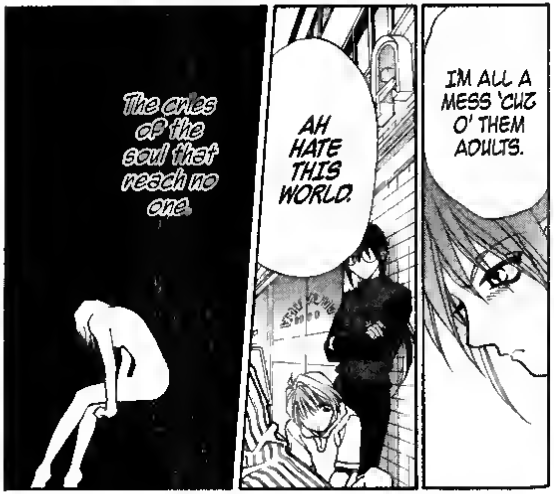
EEK!
ARE YOU SURE? WHY DID YOU PAUSE?
NO.
MMM... NO.


In truth...
I'M WORRIED ABOUT MY TIME.
I KNOW YOU... MAYBE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO KILL ME?

...we should have been talking about our dreams, about our futures...
...instead of our deaths.

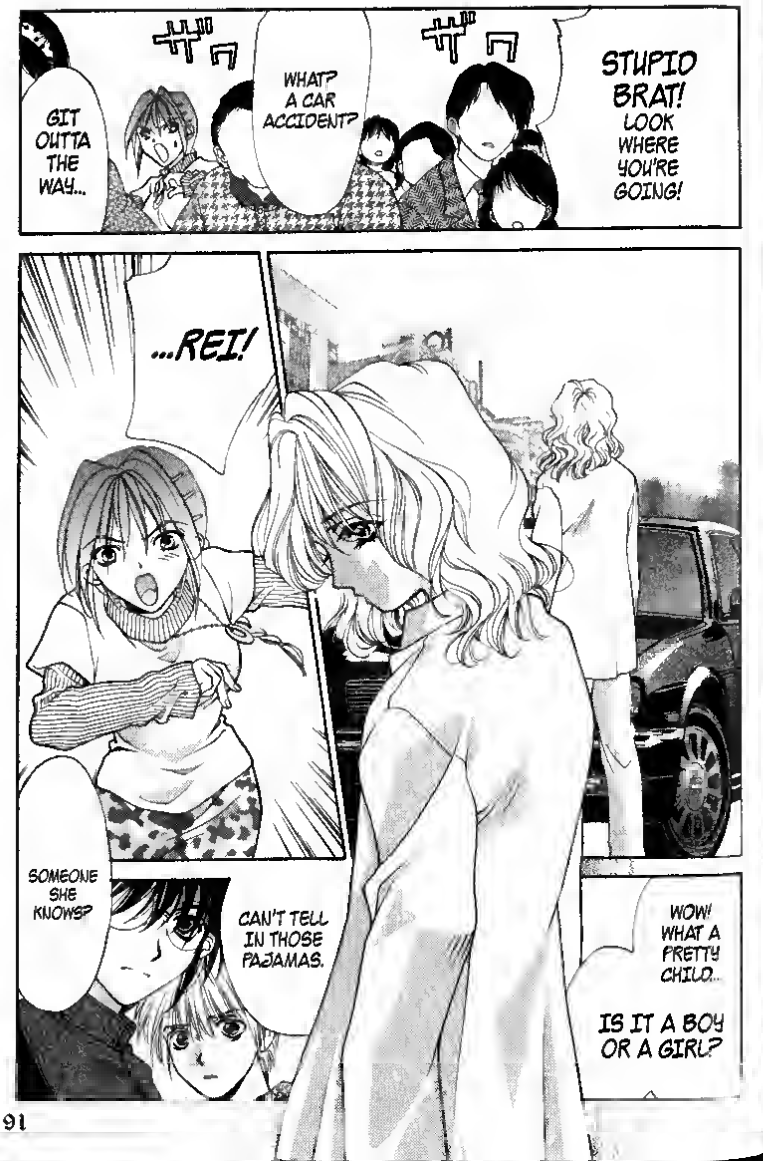

MY PAW KILLED 'IMSELF AFTER HE LOST 'IS JOB.
AND MAH STEP-MA RAN OFF WITH THE INSURANCE MONEY.
DURIN' THE DAY, I DRESS LIKE THIS SO'S PEOPLE WILL TALK TA ME.
BUT AT NIGHT, IM A SCARY LOOKIN' GIRL.


The cries of the soul that reach no one.
AH HATE THIS WORLD.
IM ALL A MESS 'CUZ O' THEM ADULTS.

OWWCH! WATCH WHERE YER GITTIN' TO.
YAH OWE ME AN APOLOGY, EH?
Huge women...

I KNOW YOU! FROM LAST NIGHT AT THE PARK
Kawaii dakeccho
Jerk!
WHAT?!

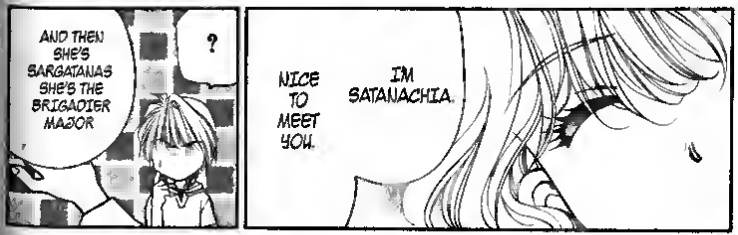
HUMPH.
OH, YAH CAUGHT ME.
DIDN' THINK MAH COVER'D BE BLOWN SO FAST
WHY ARE YOU HOMELESS ...?
NOT THET IT'S ANY O' YER BUSINESS...


BUT YOU HAVE FRIENDS, DON'T YOU?
I GOT NO FRIENDS.
BUT AH GOT ME SOME COMRADES.

GIT OUTTA THE WAY...
WHAT? A CAR ACCIDENT?
STUPID BRAT! LOOK WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
...REI!
SOMEONE SHE KNOWS?
CAN'T TELL IN THOSE PAJAMAS.
WOW! WHAT A PRETTY CHILD...
IS IT A BOY OR A GIRL?

SNUCK OUT, YOU SAY?
FROM WHERE?
WHAT'RE YA DOIN'?! YOU SNEAK OUT AGAIN?!
I WAS CALLED. BY NEBIROS.

YO, ARE YOU NEBIROS?


?
AND THEN SHE'S SARGATANAS SHE'S THE BRIGADIER MAJOR
NICE TO MEET YOU.
I'M SATANACHIA.

DON'T WORRY NONE 'BOUT WHAT REI SAYS.
MAH NAME'S NANA!
Are you a foreigner?
THAT'S AN UNUSUAL NAME ISN'T IT?

I CAN UNDER-STAND THAT.
BUT THOSE LOOKS O' HIS DONE HELPED ME OUT HEAPS.

REI'S AN ABANDONED CHILD.
REI'S LIVED IN A HOSPITAL SINCE BIRTH. MISSIN' A FEW CARDS IN THE DECK, YA KNOW.

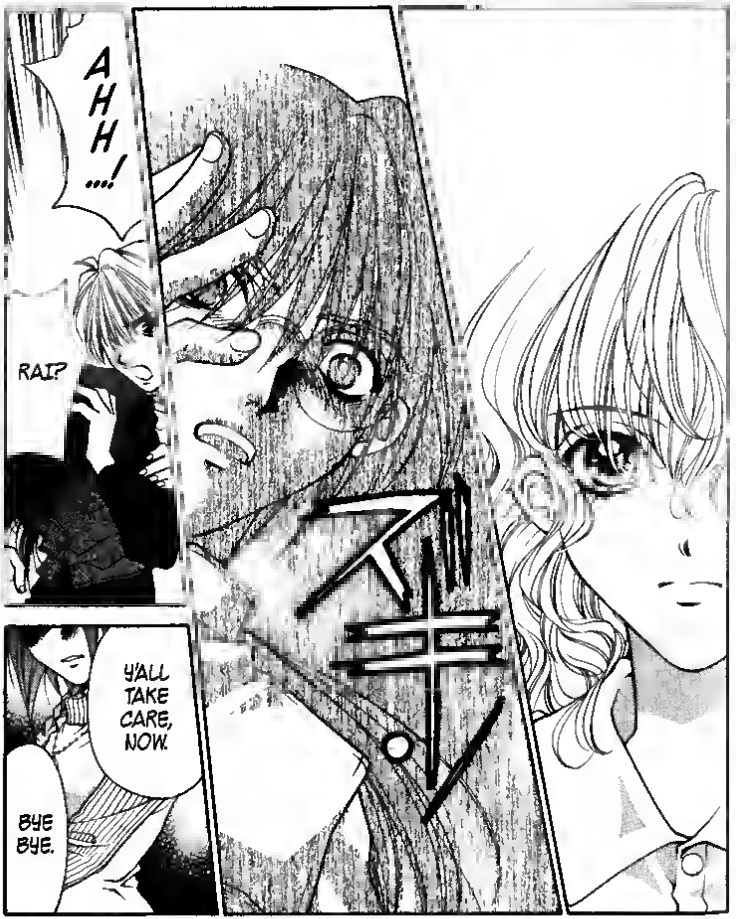
REI SPLITS FOOD WITH ME SOMETIMES
IN RETURN, AH LOOK OUT FOR REI IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

THEN YOUR COMRADE IS--

SEVENTEEN, AND WE AIN'T GOT A HOME OR PARENT'S OR NOTHING.
AND WE AIN'T GOT CELL PHONES OR COMPUTERS SO'S WE DON'T GIT THOSE E-MAILS THAT'RE SO POPULAR NOW.
REI, AH'LL WALK YA BACK LET'S GIT
I DON'T WANT A HOSPITAL!
REI!
THERE AREN'T ANY HOSPITALS AROUND HERE.
YOU JEST DON'T SEE 'EM.

YA SEE, IN THIS HERE CITY, FOLKS FALL DOWN SICK, AND EVER'BODY JES' WALKS RIGHT OVER 'EM.
BUT THE CITY'S FULL O' CRACKS O' DARKNESS.
WHATEVER'S IN THEM CRACKS, IT AIN'T SO STRANGE AS YOU'D THINK...
..THERE'S EVEN MORE HOME-LESS.
..EVEN ILLEGAL HOSPITALS.
ILLEGAL...?
GROWN-UPS AIN'T STUPID, NEITHER
THEY BE DOIN' RESEARCH TO FIND OUT HOW'S TO STOP THE VIOLENT KIDS.
AFTER ALL, THERE'S AS MANY LAB RATS AS YA WANT IN THIS CITY.
AND THEY DON'T GOT TO WORRY 'BOUT A FEW MISTAKES HERE AND THERE, EITHER.
LIKE REI...
?
FROM THE START, REI WAS...

NO... IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
RUNAWAY?


AHH!...!
RAI?
Y'ALL TAKE CARE, NOW.
BYE BYE.

YOU'RE GOOD AT MAKIN' FOLK TALK, AIN'T YA?

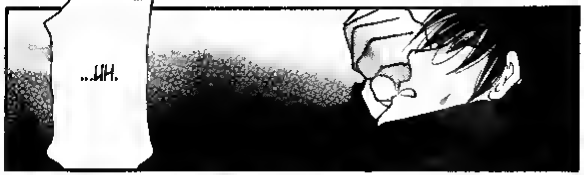
AH NAW... WHY'M AH TALKIN' SO MUCH?

Smile

Blush

WE'RE LOOKING FOR OUR COUSIN, MIO. SHE'S MISSING.
I'M RAI.
THAT'S REN.
Y-
Y'ALL ARE SNEAKY!
WHY DON' YAH TELL ME 'BOUT YOU TWO.

RAI...
...ARE YOU OKAY?


...UH.

JUST HOLD ON, RAI!
Stronger medicine... maybe I should go to the hospital...
...some place where they'd see even us.
I'M ALL RIGHT I JUST NEED SLEEP.
THE MEDICINE'S NOT WORKING, HUH?
...JUST A REALLY BAD HEADACHE.

I KNOW MIO-CHAN.

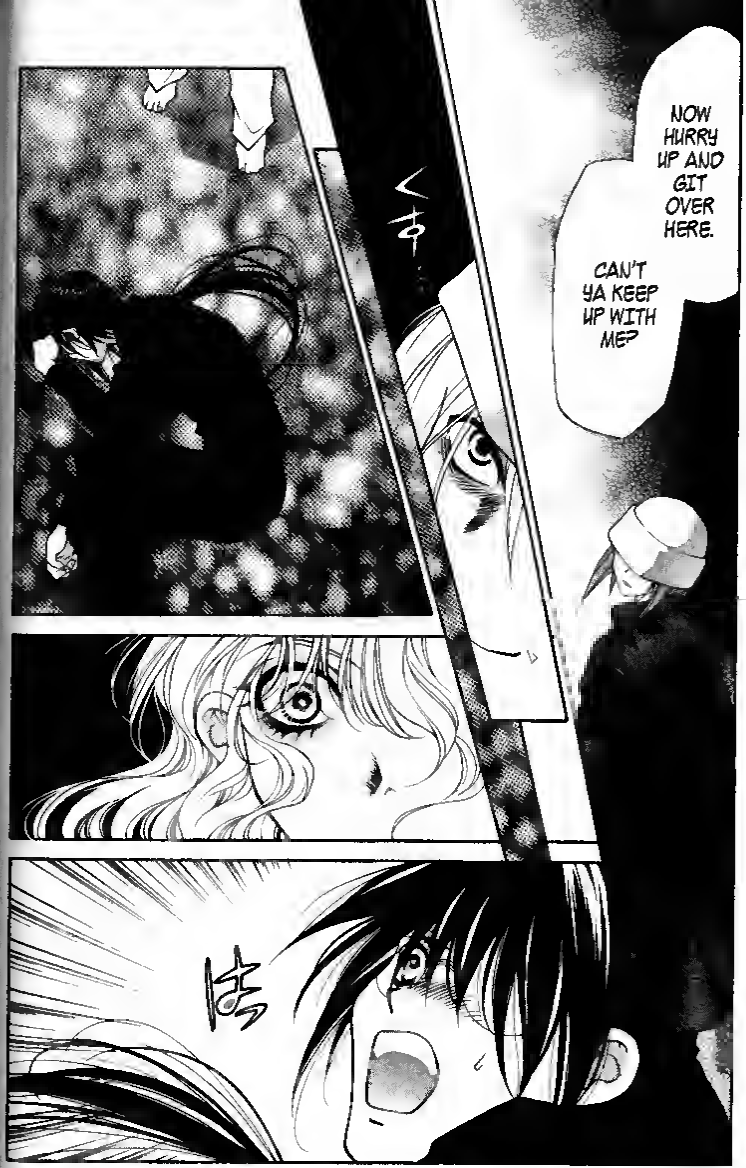
WHAT?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
RAI?
RAI!
AH...
WHAT..? THEY'RE GONE ALREADY?

REN!
Ren?
Ren, where are you?
What if this is a devils' snare?
I NEED YOU TO SHOW ME THE ILLEGAL HOSPITAL.
LOOK, WE CAN'T GO TO A REGULAR HOSPITAL.
THE CELL PHONE IS A FRIEND'S. IT'S NOT MINE.
I DON'T EVEN HAVE A FUTURE.
I'VE LOST MY HOUSE AND PARENTS, TOO.
C'MON... COME WITH ME.
I smell blood.
Don't go.

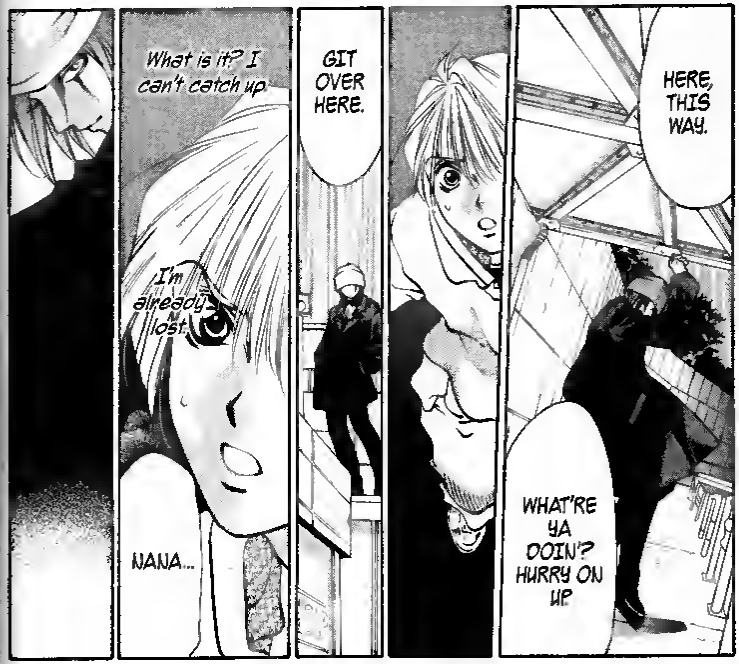
NANA!
WHERE ARE YOU? PLEASE HELP ME!
SHUT UP.
RAI'S SICK!
WHAT'S THAT GOTTA DO WITH ME?
'CUZ HERE, AHM A MAN, YA KNOW
DON'T YELL FER ME LIKE YA KNOWS ME.
YOU KNOW WHAT...
Ren.

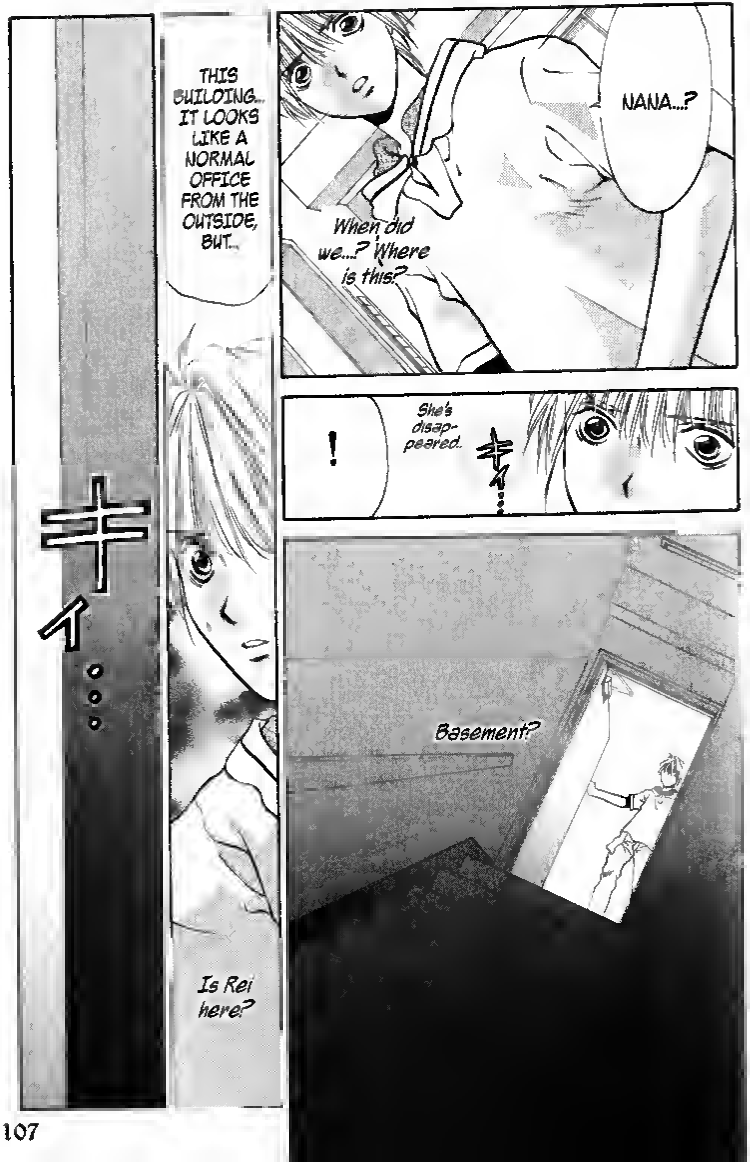
SO... IS REI DOING WELL?
HUH? OH, REI GETS BY WITH THAT FACE, AS USUAL.
SAY... WHAT REI SAID LAST TIME...
ABOUT KNOWING MIO.
..DO YOU THINK THAT'S TRUE?
PROB'LY... REI'S A BIT LOONEY, BUT HE AIN'T NO LIAR.
10 years ago...
YER TALKIN' 'BOUT THAT UNCONSCIOUS GIRL COVERED IN BLOOD, FROM TEN YEARS AGO, RIGHT? THE STORY'S THAT ONE O' THE HOMELESS FOUND HER AND BRUNG HER HERE. THAT'S ALL AH KNOW
AND THEN...?
JUST DISAPPEARED AFTER SHE GOT BETTER.
WOKE UP AND RUNNED AWAY, OR ELSE SOMEONE DONE TOOK HER.
THE STREET FOLK WERE GOSSIPIN' 'BOUT IT FER A WHILE
THEY SAY THE OLD HURTS WERE ONES FROM HER BEATIN'S.
HER NAME WUZ ON HER CLOTHES. SHE WUZ A LITTLE GIRL WITH LONG HAIR AN' HURTS ALL OV'R HERSELF
POOR 'UN. VICTIMS ARE ALWAYS THE LITTLE 'UNS.
It's Mio
Mio's alive?!

I can't be alone.
We have to be together or...
REN, WHERE ARE YOU...?
...REN?
Ren.
Where are you?


NOW HURRY UP AND GIT OVER HERE.
CAN'T YA KEEP UP WITH ME?

Even in this crowd...
I'll find you.


What is it? I can't catch up.
I'm already lost.
NANA...
GIT OVER HERE.
HERE, THIS WAY.
WHAT'RE YA DOIN'? HURRY ON UP


NANA...?
When did we...? Where is this?
!
She's disappeared.
キィ...
THIS BUILDING... IT LOOKS LIKE A NORMAL OFFICE FROM THE OUTSIDE, BUT...
Is Rei here?
Basement?

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AAAHHH!
REN...!
I'M ALL RIGHT. CALM DOWN!
RIGHT NOW THOSE TWO ARE PROBABLY VERY SURPRISED!
Snicker Snicker

UH...

ONE OF THOSE TWO IS MAJOR GENERAL NEBIROS.
THE ESPECIALLY BRUTAL, HEINOUS ONE THAT BESTOWS EVERY CONCEIVABLE PAIN...
THE LAST ONE OF US... THE SIXTH GREAT SPIRIT.
In an instant, the white lab coats were stained with blood.
OH, WON'T HE HURRY UP AND AWAKEN?
IM LOOKING FORWARD TO IT I REALLY WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH HIM.
FER REAL?

ALL YOUR CLOTHES ARE SO BIG, HUH? I LOOK EVEN CUTER THAN I NEED TO
WE SHOULD JUST GET AWAY FROM HERE
IM TIRED OF PLAYING A SICK PERSON.
THAT BEAUTY WHUT MAKES EVERYONE YER SLAVE
YER SOMETHIN'- AIN'T YA, SATANACHIA?
IT MUST HAVE BEEN AN AMAZIN' MASSACRE, WEREN'T IT?
THE POWER TO CONTROL FOLK LIKE YAH WANT.
YAH HEAR THAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO TEST THE LITTLE 'UN FIRST?
WON'T BE EASY, HUH? A NORMAL PERSON WOULD HAVE SNAPPED IF THEY SAW SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW SO I THOUGHT IT BEST TO TEST THEM BOTH HEY, DON'T MAKE SUCH A SCARY EXPRESSION
YEP. IT WAS REALLY PRETTY.

The blood..!
The scent of blood.. it -[illegible] me... but it's too delicious and tempting...
I feel like I'm going to lose my mind..
!!
If I'm no longer human...

RAI...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? ARE Y--
IT HURTS!
RAI...?

RAI?
HMM...? OH, IT'S NOTHING.
I need you to kill me, Ren.
No, not yet!!
It's starting... I have to protect...
God, I beg you... give me a little more time!

AWAKENING
Diabolo

The day I was killed was a day like this, too...
Ah...

RAI!
HEY, RAI!

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THAT GIRL JUST NOW...
WHAT?
OH. SAY, JUST A MINUTE. THAT...

YOU THINK ...?
FORGET ABOUT IT YOU DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER..?
MAYBE SHE WAS RAPED...

IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, TELL ME RIGHT AWAY.
YOU PROMISE?
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……
THANK YOU, REN.
I NEED YOU TO LOOK OUT FOR ME!
STOP IT!
IT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.
You were always like that, weren't you, Ren? Such a worry wart.

Rai's been acting strange lately.
ARE YOU OKAY?
RAI!
HUH?
GIVE ME YOUR HAND FOR A MOMENT.
HUH?
HURRY!
I can't put my finger on it.
YEAH.

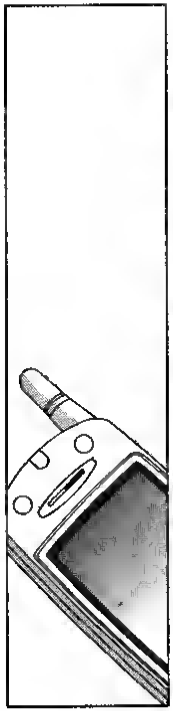
COME.
We're best friends!
Let's play, Rei!
At the orphanage I was picked on all the time... especially at school

HEY, YOU KNOW THAT HUGE MASSACRE AT THE UNDERGROUND HOSPITAL?
.....!
EVEN THOUGH WE REPORTED IT, IT HASN'T MADE THE NEWS YET.
COME... SIXTH ONE.

THEY PUT A "NO TRESPASSING" SIGN UP, BUT...
...INSIDE, IT WAS ALL CLEANED UP. LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED.

Destruction.
SACRIFICING THAT MANY PEOPLE... I WONDER WHAT THEY WANTED TO GET OUT OF IT?
WAS IT THE WORK OF HUMANS? DID REI AND NANA DO IT?

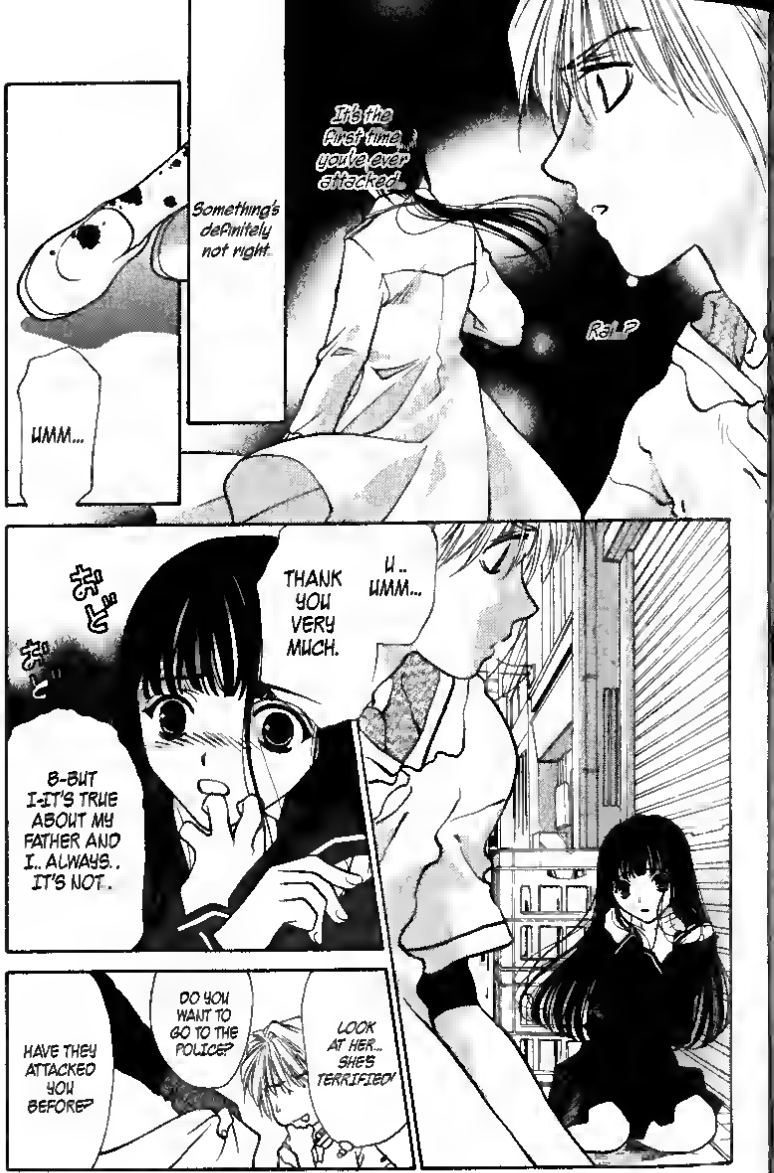
I WONDER IF IT'S THE CURSE OF SOME SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLD WHO MADE A PACT WITH THE DEVIL?
Beautiful screams.
Delicious blood.
I WONDER IF REI AND NANA HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH MIO?



They're our comrades.
ARE THEY OUR ENEMIES..?

What do you want me to...?
LET'S GO, RAI!
N-NO! STOP..!
LOOK-- I SAID TO BE QUIET!
YOU KNOW YOU WANT IT.
SHUT YER MOUTH!

HEY!
STOP! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
AWW... WE'RE JUST PLAYING!
HMPH!
THIS ISN'T A GAME. IT'S A CRIME!
HEY MAN, HER FATHER'S A CRIMINAL!
SHE'S A MURDERER'S DAUGHTER! SHE DESERVES IT.
MURDERER ?
GET LOST!!!


It's the first time you've ever attacked
Something's definitely not right.
R&I...P
UMM...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
U.. UMM...
B-BUT I-IT'S TRUE ABOUT MY FATHER AND I.. ALWAYS.. IT'S NOT..
DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE POLICE?
LOOK AT HER... SHE'S TERRIFIED!
HAVE THEY ATTACKED YOU BEFORE?

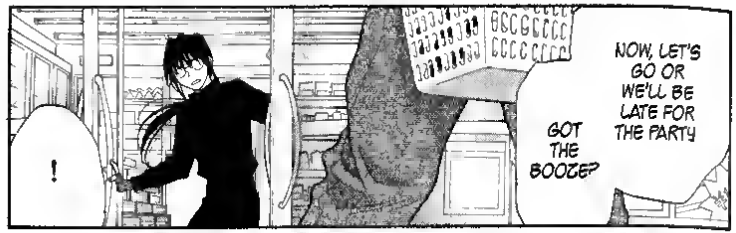
EEE...!
NO WAY! THEY GOT A KNIFE?
LET'S GET OUT'TA HERE!
RUN!

.....
I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING.
THAT'S WHY, YOU KNOW, THIS GIRL'S CLOTHES ARE DIRTY AND...WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT THE CHANGE OF UH... UNDERWEAR...
ARE YOU REALLY ALL RIGHT?
OH? THEY SELL THEM AT THE MINI MARTS? GREAT!
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT GIRLS' CLOTHES, HIROMI! THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU, OKAY?
...YEAH, HIROMI, THAT'S RIGHT

THAT POOR GIRL...
YEAH...IT'S HORRIBLE, ISN'T IT?
IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD, ISN'T IT?
REN, PLEASE...
ROUGHED UP BY THOSE THUGS
...BE CAREFUL.
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE EVIL WITHOUT EVER BEING INFLUENCED BY THE POWERS OF THE DEVILS.
THAT'S HOW IT IS, RAI, SO...
HUH? I'M GOING TO THE STORE?
...YOU GO.

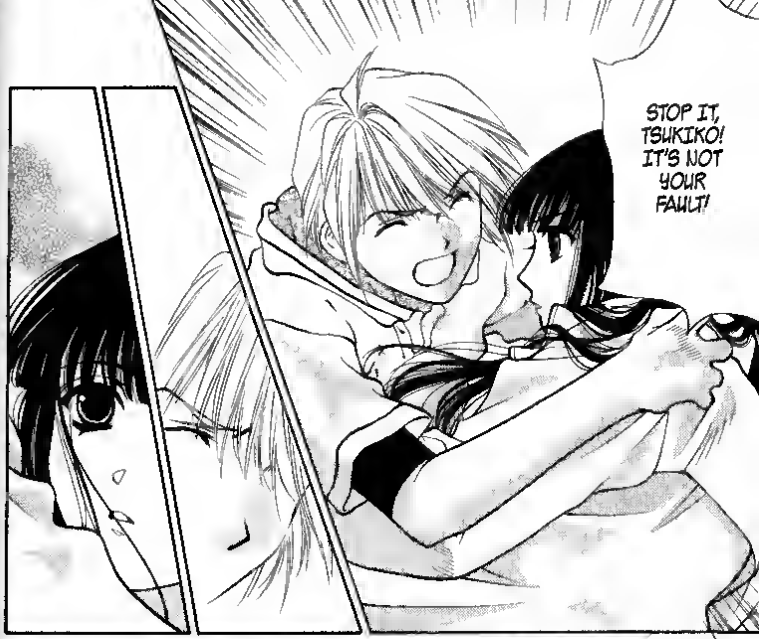
I-I WAS STABBED TOO AND I LOST A LOT OF BLOOD BUT...I WAS SAVED..
THAT. HE FAILED AT EVERYTHING..
HE SAID THAT HE HAD FAILED AT WORK
A survivor of a family suicide...
!
...BUT I ENDURED IT SO I WOULD GET FED.
...HE WAS REALLY MEAN AND. DID PAINFUL THINGS TO ME, BUT...
THE UNCLE THAT TOOK ME IN...
For my father's sins.
EVERY-ONE SAYS... THAT THIS IS PUNISH-MENT...
Rei! You murderer! I shouldn't have given birth to you!
For someone as useless as me
PUNISH-MENT

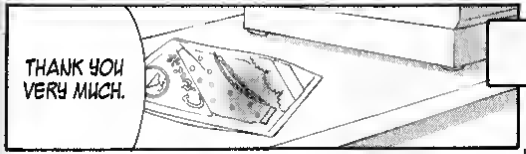
...TSUKIKO.
WE'LL WALK YOU HOME, OKAY, UMM ..?
WHAT-EVER
B-BECAUSE I'M THE DAUGHTER OF A MURDERER
AFRAID? WHY?
AREN'T YOU. AFRAID OF ME?
Y-YOU KNOW, MY FATHER..
MY MOTHER AND LITTLE BROTHER HE KILLED THEM AND THEN COMMITTED SUICIDE
I'M REI, AND THE ONE WITH THE GLASSES IS RAI
WE'RE NOT DANGEROUS PEOPLE, YOU KNOW.
But we're really suspicious of other people

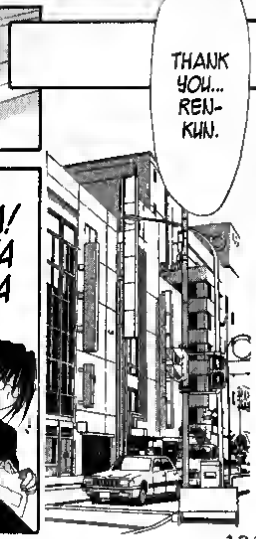

!
GOT THE BOOZE?
NOW, LET'S GO OR WE'LL BE LATE FOR THE PARTY

THEY'RE PUNK KIDS PRETENDING TO BE GANGSTERS. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY MIGHT DO!
BUT...!
IT'S OKAY. LET THEM GO!
HEY! WHAT ABOUT MY MONEY?!
YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT BE STILL, HOLD YOUR BREATH, AND HIDE

That's how the world is now...
GNAW...

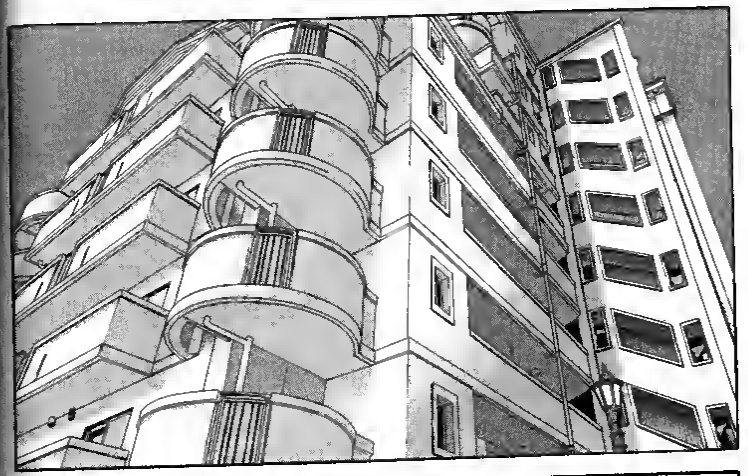

STOP IT, TSUKIKO! IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT!

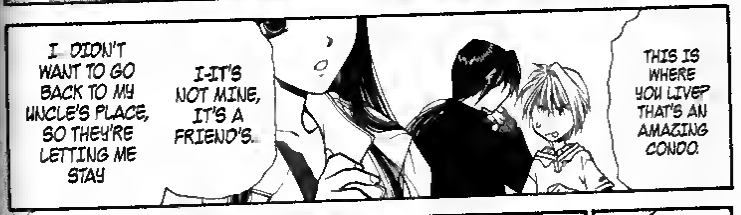

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

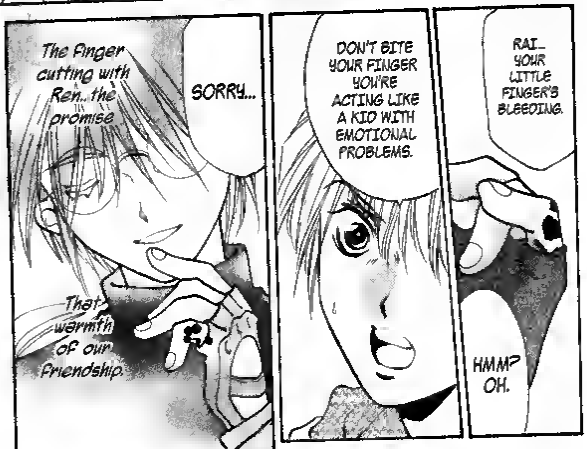

THANK YOU... REN-KUN.

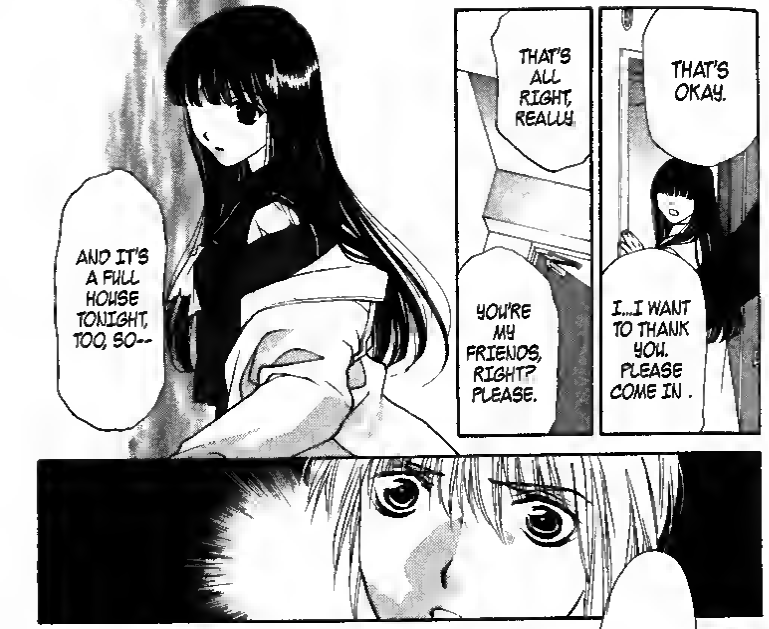
WHOA I THINK I'LL GRAB ONE OF THESE, TOO.
HA HA HA!

WHOA! WA HA HA HA HA!



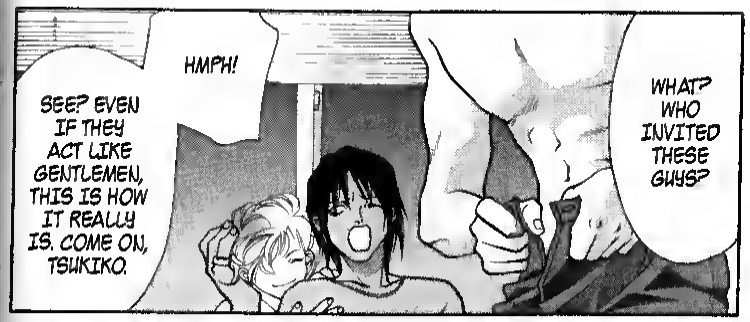

THIS IS WHERE YOU LIVE? THAT'S AN AMAZING CONDO.
I-IT'S NOT MINE, IT'S A FRIEND'S.
I DIDN'T WANT TO GO BACK TO MY UNCLE'S PLACE, SO THEY'RE LETTING ME STAY

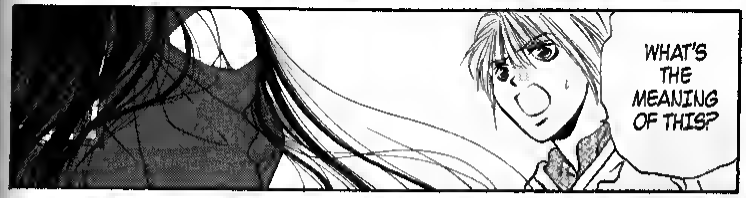

RAI... YOUR LITTLE FINGER'S BLEEDING.
HMM? OH.
DON'T BITE YOUR FINGER YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A KID WITH EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS.
SORRY...
The finger cutting with Ren...the promise
That's warmth of our friendship
As long as I don't forget that, I'll be all right
PLEASE, COME IN.


THAT'S OKAY.
I...I WANT TO THANK YOU. PLEASE COME IN .
THAT'S ALL RIGHT, REALLY.
YOU'RE MY FRIENDS, RIGHT? PLEASE.
AND IT'S A FULL HOUSE TONIGHT, TOO, SO--

WELCOME HOME, TSUKIKO.

WOO HOO!
"TSUKIKO OF THE NIGHT" IS DEFINITELY DIFFERENT!
SHE DOESN'T GET INTO IT IN THE DAY, BUT WHEN THE SUN SETS, WATCH OUT!
HEY, IT'S CONSENSUAL!
LOOK AT THEIR FACES!
NO! YOU GUYS STO--
YOU'RE SO CRAZY AT NIGHT, TSUKIKO!
It's Crazy!
Tsukiko's practically a different person. She's acting like a prostitute.
This isn't right.
ナ"!!


WHAT? WHO INVITED THESE GUYS?
HMPH!
SEE? EVEN IF THEY ACT LIKE GENTLEMEN, THIS IS HOW IT REALLY IS. COME ON, TSUKIKO.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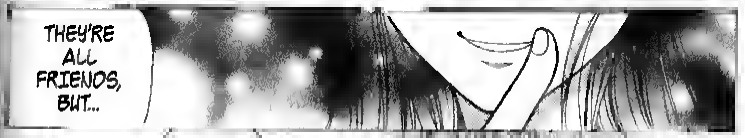
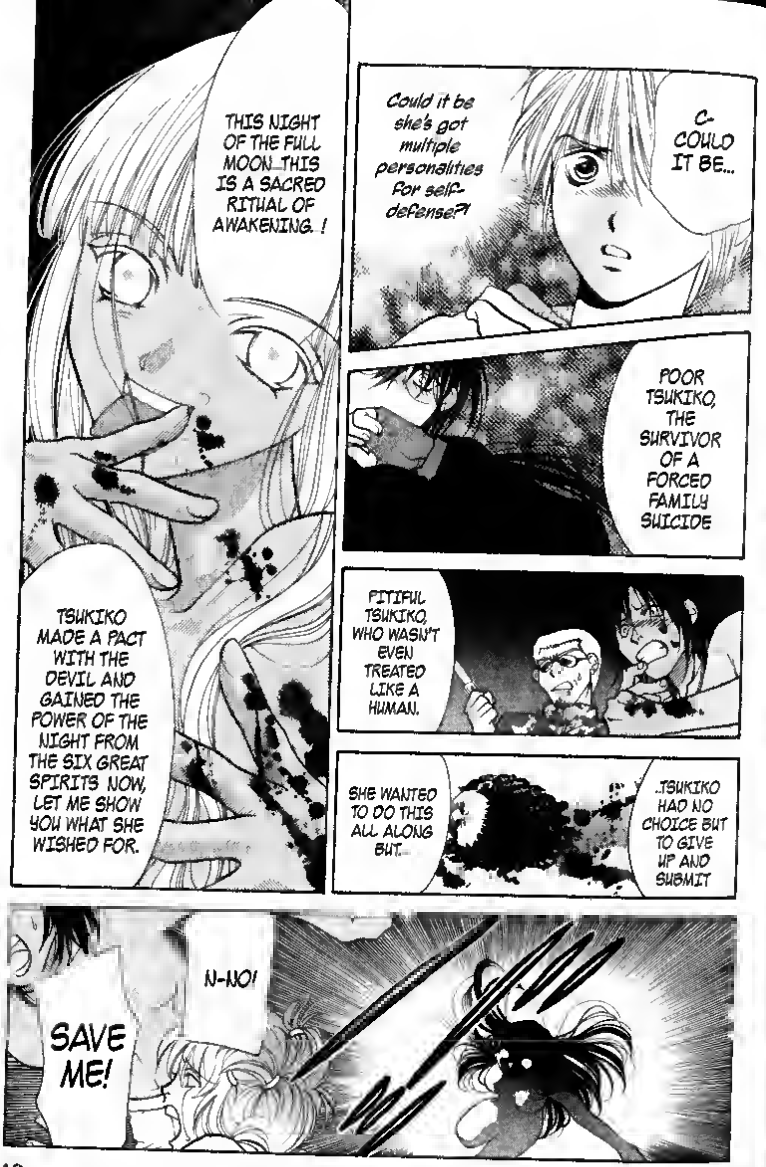

THEY'RE ALL FRIENDS, BUT...

...IM KEPT AS A PET HERE.

THE PARTY'S JUST BEGUN!
WH...?

..YOU GUYS CAN JOIN IN, TOO.
SAY...
This is what we're desperately trying to protect :?
This is normal :?
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN' LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, RAI.
BUT YOU CAN'T.
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT.
WAITING FOR THE FULL MOON.
TO BE PICKED UP BY THESE GUYS...
...AND TO MEET YOU.
FINALLY, EVERY-THING'S COME TOGETHER
Editor's Note. The name Tsukiko means 'Moon Child'


THIS NIGHT OF THE FULL MOON...THIS IS A SACRED RITHAL OF AWAKENING. !
TSUKIKO MADE A PACT WITH THE DEVIL AND GAINED THE POWER OF THE NIGHT FROM THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS. NOW, LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT SHE WISHED FOR.
C- COULD IT BE...
Could it be she's got multiple personalities for self-defense?!
POOR TSUKIKO, THE SURVIVOR OF A FORCED FAMILY SUICIDE
PITIFUL TSUKIKO, WHO WASN'T EVEN TREATED LIKE A HUMAN.
SHE WANTED TO DO THIS ALL ALONG BUT...
...TSUKIKO HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO GIVE UP AND SUBMIT
N-NO!
SAVE ME!

She's changed!
EE...
WHOA! THIS SHIT'S FOR REAL!
She's even crazier than I thought!
IM NOT TSUKIKO, YOU KNOW.
RIGHT NOW IM THE FAIRY OF THE NIGHT... FLEURETY.

URGH!
STOP!
YOU MADE A PACT WITH THE DEVIL FOR THESE POWERS? WHY?
SHE HAD TO. WHO ELSE WOULD SAVE HER?
DID YOU THINK TSUKIKO REALLY ENJOYED THIS KIND OF LIFE?
WHY ARE YOU GETTING IN MY WAY? AREN'T WE COMRADES? I KNOW.
WE'RE DIABOLO. I KNOW.
LET'S HAVE FUN TOGETHER. LET'S KILL TOGETHER A ROTTEN WORLD LIKE THIS...!
SHUT UP!
WE'RE HERE TO SAVE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE FALLEN!

DUST TO DUST!
OH, YOU'RE WRONG.
YOU TWO WERE MERELY PAWNS CAUGHT IN THEIR PLOT, TOO.

...SO IT WAS HARD TO FIND YOU.
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU REALLY ARE...
IT'S NOT LIKE JUST ANYONE CAN BECOME A DIABOLO
NANA?
WAIT...
SEE...? IT'S FATE THAT WE MEET AGAIN
NOW HURRY UP AN' GIT OVER HERE. WE'RE WAITIN'

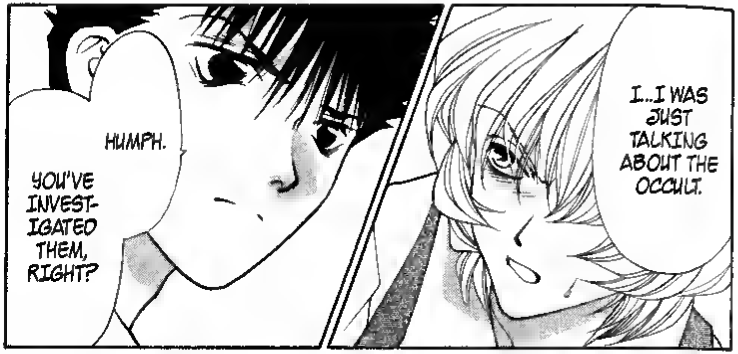
Rai has disappeared...
RAI?!
WHERE'D YOU GO, RAI?!
...leaving behind a chewed-off finger

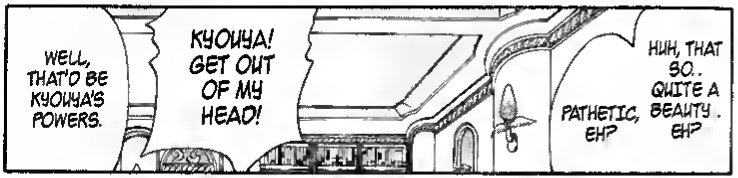
RAI...?
DO THEY THINK THEY KNOW US...?
SIX GREAT SPIRITS... WHAT'S THAT?
THEY WANT TO SHOW US MURDER?
RAI, SAY SOME--

DECISION

Diabolo

THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS THAT SERVE UNDER THE EMPEROR OF ALL DEVILS LUCIFER
NEBIROS IS THE MOST CRUEL SPIRIT, WHO CONTROLS PREMONITION AND PAIN, AND IS THE BEST NECROMANCER IN HELL
AND THEN...
The general Agliarept has the power to uncover any secret.
Beautiful Satanachia has the ability to enslave all and manipulate them at will
Lieutenant Commander Fleuretty is the invincible queen of the night.
Brigadier Major Sargatanas the spirit of the wind who can go anywhere.
THE GREAT LUCIFUGE ROFOCALE!
AN INTELLIGENT, BEAUTIFUL SPIRIT WITH COURAGE WHO CONTROLS ALL WEALTH AND KNOWLEDGE!


I...I WAS JUST TALKING ABOUT THE OCCULT.
HUMPH.
YOU'VE INVESTIGATED THEM, RIGHT?


KYOUYA! GET OUT OF MY HEAD!
WELL, THAT'D BE KYOUYA'S POWERS.
HUH, THAT SO.. QUITE A BEAUTY. EH?
PATHETIC, EH?

HEY! DON'T TAKE LIBERTIES!
THANKS TO WHO-DO-YOU-THINK YOU WERE ABLE TO AWAKEN?
LADY NEMA FOUND ME FIRST, YOU KNOW!
ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THAT WOMAN?

CHAT? YAH MEAN THE NET?
REST ASSURED. IT'S A NON-ROM PRIVATE CHAT.
WHAT DO YOU WANT? DON'T COME IN WITHOUT PERMISSION.
YOU KNOW MY ONLY HOBBY IS CHATTING.
WHATCHA DOIN', YUU?
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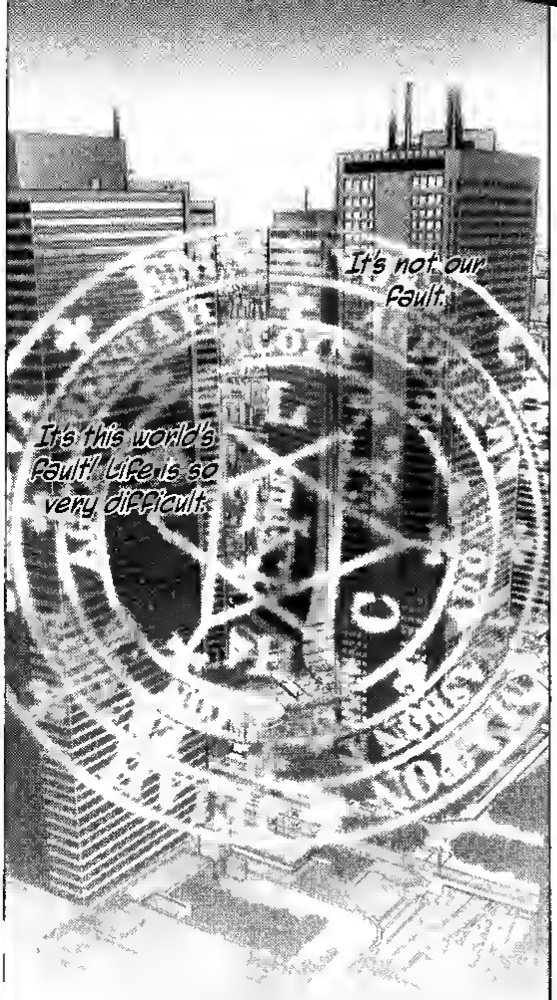
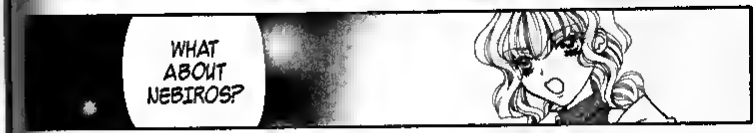
NANA AND YUU.. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
KYOUYA.
...!!!
WHAT 'BOUT THAT SHOULD I BE REST ASSURED 'BOUT? YAH HERMIT!
OH WELL.
Take off those dirty clothes!
WHAT DID YOU SAY, YOU PARASITE?!
REI!
WHAT?
WELL...YUU IS TALKING ABOUT US TO SOMEONE WE DON'T KNOW.

...I'M SORRY.
I'M SORRY.
I'M SORRY.


It's not our fault.
It's this world's fault! Life is so very difficult.

IF THE WORLD'S GOING TO BE DESTROYED ANYWAY, THEN I MIGHT AS WELL HAVE A HAND IN IT.
WE'VE BEEN GIVEN THE POWERS FOR THAT.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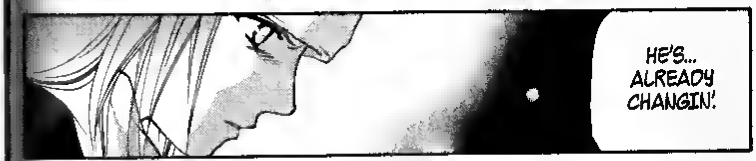
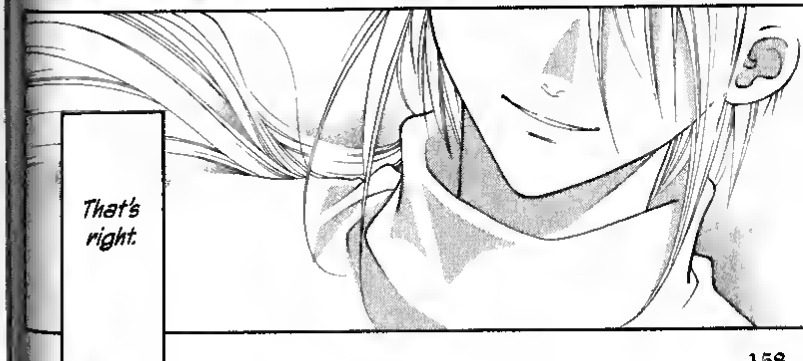
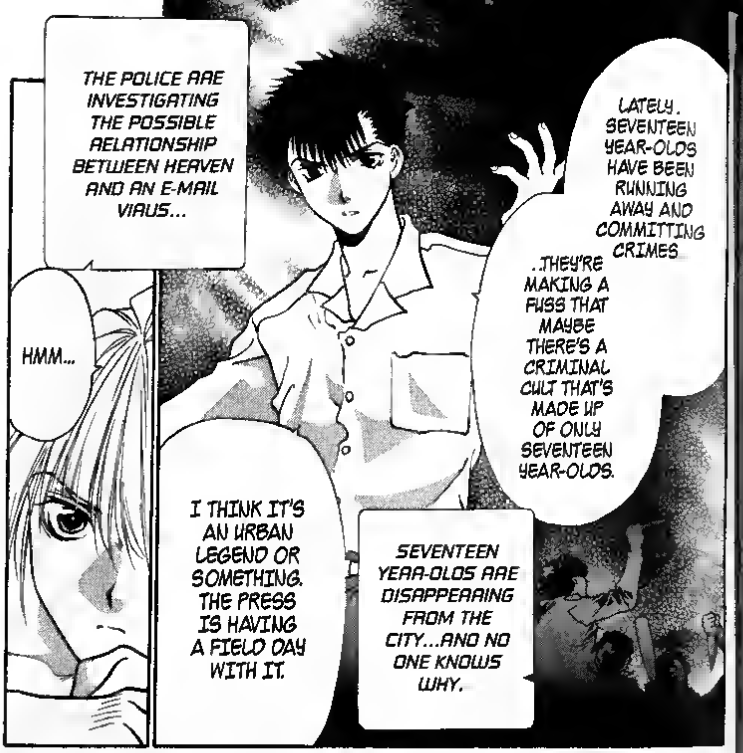

HE'S... ALREADY CHANGIN'.


That's right.

REN.
PLEASE OPEN YOUR EYES.
HMM.... RAI?
IM GLAD.. I...WAS DREAMING.
I DREAMT THAT YOU WERE GONE...

AAH!
WHAT IS IT? I SAVED YOUR LIFE, YOU KNOW.
I TOOK YOU IN AFTER YOU'D PASSED OUT. SO YOU HOMELESS BOYS SPLIT UP, EH?
EAT.
BY THE WAY..
THE NAME'S KYOUYA.
WELL, KYOUYA.. YOU'RE VERY KIND, AREN'T YOU?
WHAT? YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME.
RAI IS, TOO..
HE WAS KIND. I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S MISSING ALL OF A SUDDEN..
AND SO.. ABRUPTLY.

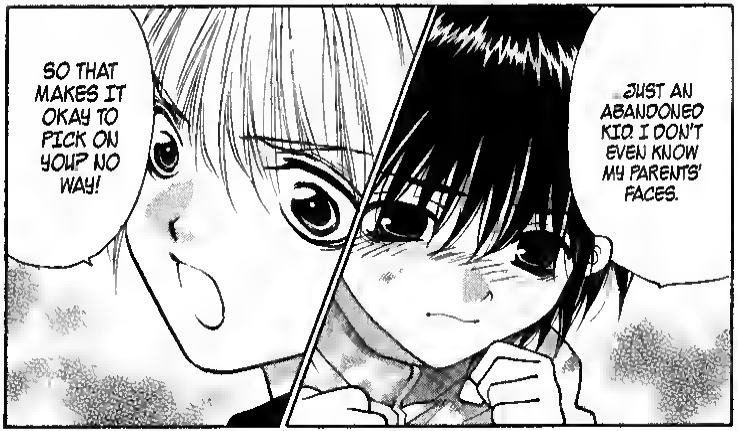

THE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HEAVEN AND AN E-MAIL VIRUS...
LATELY, SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLDS HAVE BEEN RUNNING AWAY AND COMMITTING CRIMES...
..THEY'RE MAKING A FUSS THAT MAYBE THERE'S A CRIMINAL CULT THAT'S MADE UP OF ONLY SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLDS.
HMM...
I THINK IT'S AN URBAN LEGEND OR SOMETHING. THE PRESS IS HAVING A FIELD DAY WITH IT.
SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLDS ARE DISAPPEARING FROM THE CITY...AND NO ONE KNOWS WHY.

THEY MIGHT ACCOST YOU.
IF YOU GO OUT, MAKE SURE YOU DON'T TELL ANYONE YOU'RE SEVENTEEN.
I'M TAKING OFF, SO YOU BE CAREFUL.
?
HUH?

What if he's been caught by what they call those "Six Great Spirits"?
Hurry up and git over here.
IF THAT'S THE CASE... I GUESS IT'S OKAY.
MAYBE HE JUST WANTED TO BE ALONE... NEEDED SOME TIME ON HIS OWN, YA KNOW?
BLIP
POLICE FOUND THE OCCUPANTS OF THE CONDOMINIUM MURDERED
IT IS THOUGHT THAT A SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLD GIRL WHO HAD BEEN VISITING IS INVOLVED. HER WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN
IN OTHER NEWS ANOTHER VIOLENT INCIDENT REPORTEDLY INVOLVING A SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLD...

INFORMATION ABOUT HEAVEN
Six Great Spirits?
Nana... Tsukiko. Those two could they be...?

YOU DON'T KNOW?
Oh, that's right, you're homeless.
HUH? HEAVEN?


SO THAT MAKES IT OKAY TO PICK ON YOU? NO WAY!
...JUST AN ABANDONED KID I DON'T EVEN KNOW MY PARENTS' FACES.

DOESN'T MATTER THAT'S JUST STUPID.
HUH?

I'M REN! NICE TO MEET YOU!
I'M... RAI.
YOU'RE TALL, AREN'T YOU. LUCKY.
HOW OLD ARE YOU? ARE WE THE SAME AGE? WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
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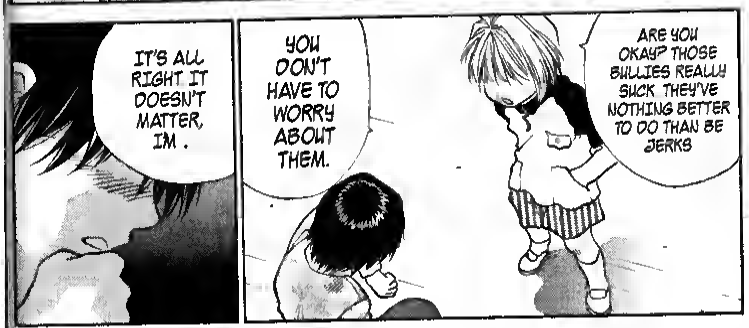
I...what should I do now?
Without you I'm lost
Rai..
QUIT IT, YOU!


IT'S ALL RIGHT IT DOESN'T MATTER, I'M .
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THEM.
ARE YOU OKAY? THOSE BULLIES REALLY SUCK THEY'VE NOTHING BETTER TO DO THAN BE JERKS

THAT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN GO TO HEAVEN....
THERE ARE SO MANY FOOLS, EH?
How unfair the world is.
WHEN WE SAY, "THE GATE WON'T OPEN UNLESS YOU KNOCK"...

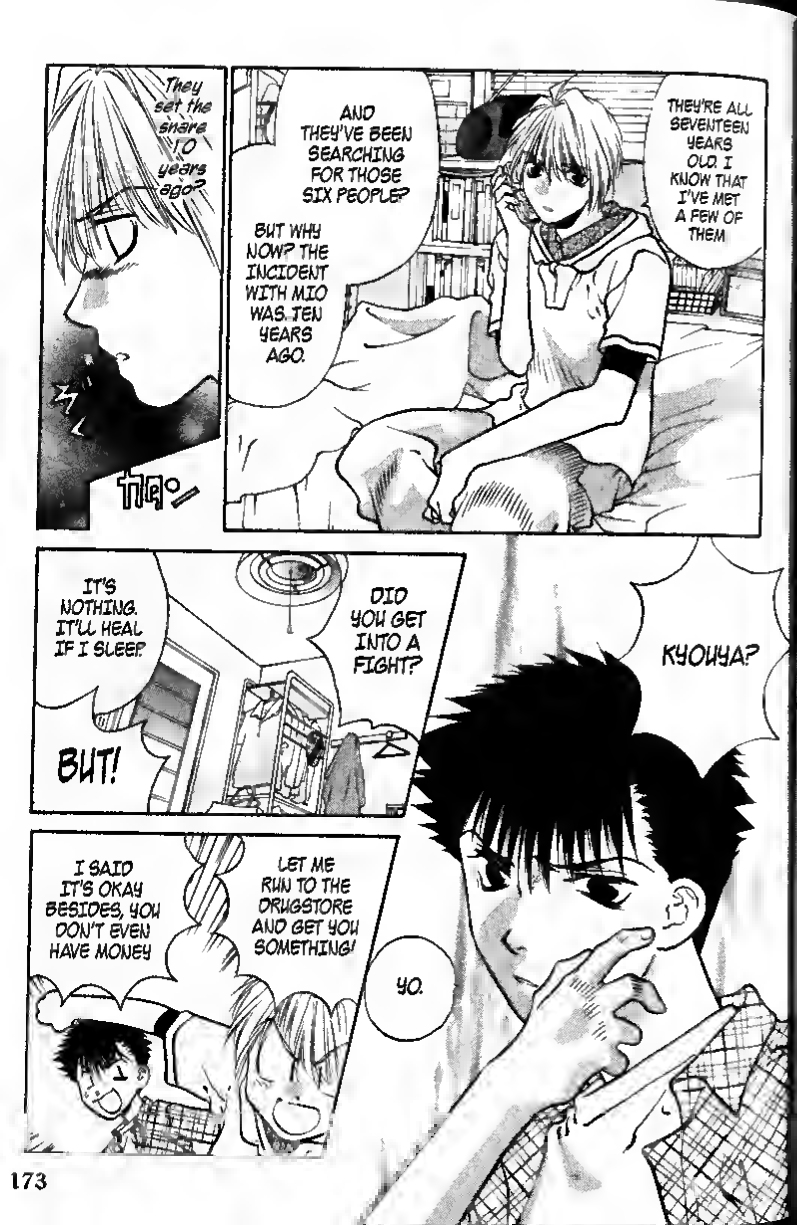
YEAH
TODAY'S THE DAY DAD COMES HOME EARLY.
SORRY! I GOTTA GO!
OKAY, MOM!
REN! TIME TO GO HOME!
A happy family.
A warm household.
Blinding smiles.
A boy that's like an angel.
Lucky.

OH, IS THAT SO...?

THEN, THE SHEEP RETURN TO BEING SACRIFICES...
...AND THE TRASH RETURNS TO BEING TRASH.
THEY SHOULD CONSIDER THAT AN HONOR.
...THEY CAN'T HEAR YOU.
LORD NEBIROS...

Don't touch me.
No one approaches without permission
!!
.....
YOU COULD SAY I DON'T TRUST HIM.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, KYOUYA?
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?
Because he's sad?
Is he acting like this because of the homeless boy?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I WON'T DO IT AGAIN.
Am I stupid?

KYOUYA?!
DON'T!
An' he was such a good guy
THESE ARE... LADY NEMA'S ORDERS.
TO KILL THE BELIEVERS WHO CAME TO BE SAVED AND MAKE THEM MARIONETTES IS BEYOND EVIL.
HIS CRUELTY ACTUALLY SURPASSES THAT OF THE RUMORS
HOWEVER, THEY WERE ALL SCUM.

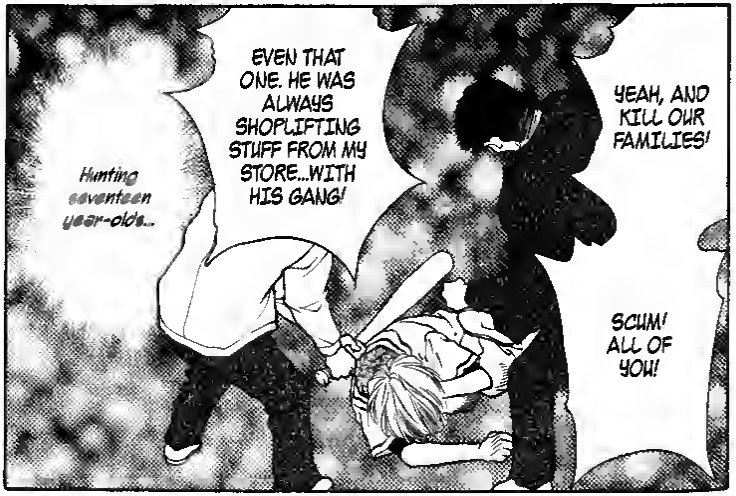

They set the snare 10 years ago?
AND THEY'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR THOSE SIX PEOPLE?
THEY'RE ALL SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD. I KNOW THAT I'VE MET A FEW OF THEM
BUT WHY NOW? THE INCIDENT WITH MIO WAS TEN YEARS AGO.
IT'S NOTHING. IT'LL HEAL IF I SLEEP
DID YOU GET INTO A FIGHT?
BUT!
KYOUYA?
I SAID IT'S OKAY BESIDES, YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE MONEY
LET ME RUN TO THE DRUGSTORE AND GET YOU SOMETHING!
YO.

I need to try and find out...
...if Rai's consciousness still remains inside Nebiros.
HEY, HIROMI. ANYTHING ON THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS?
SOME OCCULT MANIAC EXPLAINED IT TO ME ON A CHAT
I'LL E-MAIL YOU THE DETAILS

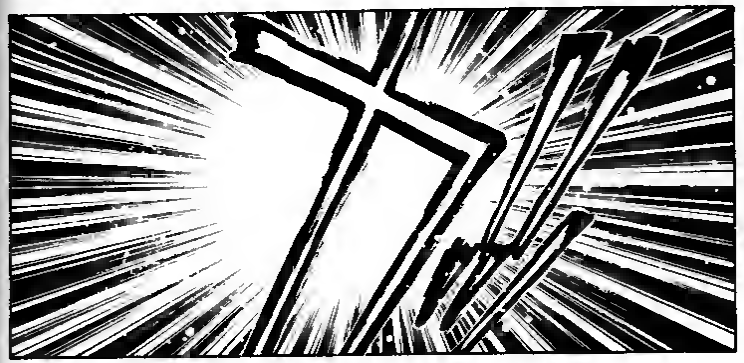
HMM...
WHERE'S THE DRUGSTORE?
EEE...!
STOP IT, YOU JERKS!
Is that you are, Ren?
...Nebiros's ticket?
Are you...

I'VE GOT A FEW BUCKS!
DON'T SLAM THE--!
I'VE ONLY GOT SIX MONTHS.
The Six Great Spirits are no more than the faces of dice. We're the Master and Lady Nemas tools.
SUCH A POINTLESS ACT!
REGARDLESS...
In search of the gates of heaven that will never open.
We just keep rolling, looking for a seven.

SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLD BASTARD!
WE'LL KILL YOU BEFORE YOU SNAP AND TURN INTO A SERIAL KILLER!
OOF!


Hunting seventeen year-olds...
EVEN THAT ONE. HE WAS ALWAYS SHOPLIFTING STUFF FROM MY STORE...WITH HIS GANG!
YEAH, AND KILL OUR FAMILIES!
SCUM! ALL OF YOU!

HEY KID. YOU'RE SEVENTEEN TOO, RIGHT?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
ARE YOU GOING TO BECOME A DEVIL LIKE HIM?
SNIFF...
UGH...
HUH?



URGH...

URGH...
It's no good. These people are scared.
It won't do to use my power.
Humans.
Ren, the likes of you...
They have to make it someone else's fault.
They're very, very weak.
Mother!
Ra.. i...

RAI! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU!
WAIT!
I...can't catch up...
HEY RAI...!
Something just like this happened before..
RAI ...!

YOU ARE ONE WHO HAS BEEN CHOSEN
I WAS LOOKING FOR RAI, AND--
HEAVEN?
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
IT'S ALL RIGHT. THEY WON'T FIND YOU HERE. WE'RE INSIDE A SHIELD.
HOW TRUE
...LORD NEBIROS.
NEBIROS..?
IT CAN'T BE...
We promised...
REN...

Where are you, Rai?
A church?
WELCOME TO... HEAVEN.

HAVE YOU FALLEN, RAI?!
...that before we lost our human souls...
...we would kill each other by each other's hand.
SORRY FOR DISAPPEARING ALL OF A SUDDEN... TO TELL THE TRUTH, I WAS HESITANT MYSELF.
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT I WAS ONE OF THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS, EH?
STOP...
BUT IT'S A WONDERFUL POWER REJOICE WITH ME. WE NO LONGER HAVE TO RUN HAPHAZARDLY
WE'LL DESTROY THIS WORLD AND REMAKE IT SO THAT IT'S A PLACE OF BEAUTY FOR US TO LIVE IN.
LET'S DO EVERYONE A FAVOR.. AND KILL THEM ALL!

WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER TO THIS SIDE TOO, REN?
OTHERWISE I'D MISS YOU MY BEST FRIEND.
STOP!

I will wait for you.
I need you.
I love you.
At that place in our memories...
SHUT UP, RAI!
YOU'RE ALREADY DEAD!
My best friend, Rai, doesn't exist anymore
That's a different person!
Na..

HA HA HA.
REN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?
I WAS YOUR SHIELD.
I TAKE IT THIS IS A BREAK-UP, EH? WHAT A SHAME.
BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT. I WON'T KILL YOU...YET.
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD DEFEAT ME WITH THAT KIND OF OFFENSE NOW IS THERE?

CO-AUTHORING IS HARD!
EVEN FOR TWINS.

HOWEVER, SORRY THAT MOST OF THE BURDEN WAS ON YOU, KAORU-CHAN. THANK YOU!

Kei Kusunoki

Diabolo ~Devil~ will continue with 3.

In the next installment of

Diabolo

Ren is on a desperate mission to find Rai and save him while he still retains a remnant of his human soul. But this will be no easy task, as Rai decides to engage in a deadly game of cat-and-mouse with his frantic comrade. Adding to the danger are the other Six Great Spirits who will do anything to stand between Ren and his spiritually-lost friend. Meanwhile, Hiromi has vital information that will aide Ren in his search, but when her mother becomes convinced that she is a member of the terrifying Heaven Cult, Hiromi just may find herself in a fight for her own life.

The battle between Good and Evil escalates in DIABOLO volume 3!

RAI, WHO IN THE NEXT VOLUME WILL EXPLODE AS A BAD BOY!
A DARK CHILD.
HIS HAIR CONTINUES TO EVOLVE..
IT SEEMS HE CHANGED HIS SHAMPOO.

WHEN WE'RE BOTH BUSY WITH WORK, IT SEEMS CO-AUTHORING TAKES AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME

BUT, IT'S AMAZING WHEN WE'RE FAST!

BECAUSE KUSHIMOKI COVERS FOR ME IN MANY WAYS.

I'M SORRY THAT I ALWAYS LEAVE THE BUSY SCENES TO YOU THANK YOU

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